Single-Use Safety Scalpel
Sharps Safety
Eliminate Transmission of Blood-Borne Pathogens

Comply with OSHA Requirement 1910.1030(d)(2)(i)
“Engineering and work practice controls shall be used to eliminate or minimize employee exposure.”

Protective safety cartridge completely covers the blade
Handle has same length and shape of a traditional scalpel
Same full blade exposure as a traditional scalpel
Safety cartridge locks into place

Full Line of Single-use Safety Scalpels

90210 - Single Use Safety Scalpel #10 Stainless Blade
90211 - Single Use Safety Scalpel #11 Stainless Blade
90215 - Single Use Safety Scalpel #15 Stainless Blade

Ideal for Emergency Rooms and Cath Labs
Available Non-Sterile in your custom packs (i.e. C-Section Kits or Minor Procedure Kits)

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Making Surgery Safer™
ISO 13485 CERTIFIED
FDA REGISTERED
MADE IN THE USA

See reverse side for more on how the Safety Scalpel helps you comply with OSHA

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**OSHA REQUIREMENTS Q&A**

**Q:** What are the medical industry requirements for implementation of a safety scalpel?

**A:** OSHA has defined requirements calling for the “Use of controls to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to bloodborne pathogens,” and “Reflect innovations in technology that eliminate or reduce exposure to bloodborne pathogens with new medical devices designed to reduce risk of percutaneous exposure to bloodborne pathogens.”

**Q:** Do healthcare facilities need to use safety scalpels to be in compliance with the OSHA bloodborne pathogens regulations, or can they simply evaluate?

**A:** OSHA’s bloodborne pathogens standard at 29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(iv) and 29 CFR 1910.1030 (d)(2)(i) requires employers to evaluate, select, and use engineering controls (e.g., sharps with engineered sharps injury protections) to eliminate or minimize employee exposure to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM). Employers must solicit input from non-managerial employees in the selection process [29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(v)]. Engineering controls, including safety scalpels, must be implemented [29 CFR 1910.1030(d)(2)(i)].

**Q:** Are there circumstances under which a healthcare facility can choose not to employ safety scalpels?

**A:** OSHA recognizes that no one medical device is appropriate for use in all circumstances and that it is important to safeguard both patients and employees during medical and surgical procedures. If the use of a particular engineering control, in this case a safety scalpel, compromises patient safety, its use would not be considered feasible. The employer, therefore, must determine what engineering and work practice controls effectively minimize hazards without unduly interfering with medical procedures. The standard also recognizes that market availability is another limiting factor in implementing the use of engineering controls and must be considered in both your choice of an engineering control and our enforcement of their use [29 CFR 1910.1030(c)(1)(iv)(B)]. However, please be aware, where exposures have been determined and where engineering controls are commercially available and feasible, they must be used.

**Q:** What is the cost of non-compliance to the OSHA requirements? Is there a schedule?

**A:** Section 17 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 USC §666, outlines the prescribed civil penalties and factors for consideration in the assessment of each violation cited by the agency. A willful or repeated violation may result in a penalty of up to $70,000; there is a minimum penalty of $5,000 for willful violations. Serious violations require a penalty of up to $7,000. Other-than-serious violations may result in a penalty of up to $7,000. If an employer fails to abate a violation set forth in a citation which has become a final order, the employer may be assessed a penalty of up to $7,000 for each day during which the violation continues.