

## INCIDENT ALERT

**LOCATION:** Company-wide

**ALERT STATUS:** Normal

**ACTIVITY:** Maintenance & Housekeeping

**DATE ISSUED:** 03/10/08

**SUB ACTIVITY:** N/A

**INCIDENT No:** 00197

### TITLE

Sharps Hazard

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT DETAILS

A discarded needle was discovered at Chipping Sodbury Quarry. The unit manager collected it safely into a sealed container and disposed of it safely at the local medical centre.

### ACCIDENT / INCIDENT IMAGES



### LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS TAKEN

Risks from carelessly or maliciously discarded sharps:

- 1.If you discover discarded needles notify your responsible manager
- 2.Call your local health authority or Council waste dept for location of suitable site able to take Bio hazard waste.
3. Do not pick up a discarded needles with bare hands.
- 4.Use tongs and wear leather gloves to collect the needle and place it into a sharps box or sealed container. Cover all existing wounds and breaks in the skin.

First aid treatment for needle-stick injuries:

Immediate first aid In the event of a needle-stick injury - encourage the wound to bleed for a few minutes, and then clean with warm water and cover with a dressing. Attend your local A&E department immediately after first aid treatment.

### LEARNING POINTS / ACTIONS IMAGES