Biohazardous Waste in the Hospital

ALWAYS place sharps in the designated sharps receptacles and place other infectious and biohazardous waste in RED bags.

What is considered infectious or biohazardous waste?
- All trash from isolation rooms.
- All items contaminated with blood or body fluids.
- Contaminated single use equipment (e.g., blood pressure cuffs, gloves, and paper gowns).
- Microbiological waste from labs.

Sharps Disposal:
- Needles, lancets, scalpels, razor blades, broken glass, glass slides, and Pasteur pipettes should be placed in a sharps container.
- Dispose of sharps IMMEDIATELY after use. Do NOT place sharps on patient beds or leave sharps laying around.
- Never discard sharps in a regular or red waste bags.