

SCALPEL CUTS - UNDERSTANDING THE RISKS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM

Sharps injuries can transmit bloodborne viruses such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, and HIV. There is also the risk that a serious sharps cut can damage a tendon or nerve, which can be a career-ending injury.

Funeral workers run the risk of scalpel injuries and subsequent bloodborne infections if their facility hasn't implemented effective sharps safety practices.

SCALPEL CUTS CAN CAUSE






Blood-borne infection such as HBV, HCV, or HIV

Severed digital nerve and/or tendon

Psychological distress and/or trauma

Loss of income or even career ending injury

FUNERAL FACILITY HAZARDS*

-  The risk of infectious diseases
-  Blood exposures (e.g. sharps and splash injuries)
-  Manual handling

*ACCORDING TO A 2009 SURVEY OF FUNERAL FACILITIES
[HTTPS://DOI.ORG/10.1093/OCCMED/KQR131](https://doi.org/10.1093/OCCMED/KQR131)

COSTS FOR AN UNCOMPLICATED SCALPEL INJURY

US\$ 550 to
US\$ 3,000

COST IF THE INJURY REQUIRES SURGERY AND REHAB

US\$ 15,000 to
US\$ 100,000

DID YOU
KNOW?

Up to

50%

of scalpel cuts can be prevented using a single-handed scalpel blade remover.

PREVENTING CUTS USING THE QCLICKSMART BLADEFLASK EVO

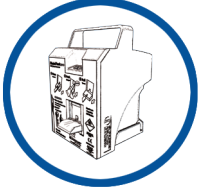


The Qlicksmart BladeFlask EVO can accommodate more types of scalpel handles and blades **including large autopsy scalpels, thick and round handles, even hexagonal shaped versions** - giving you greater freedom in using any scalpel you want.

- Removes up to 100 used scalpel blades
- Automatic safety mechanism removes and contains your scalpel blades using only one hand.
- Can be attached to a wall or clinical bench with the reusable Mounting Bracket.



Clicksmart BladeFlask EVOs are a **quick and simple** way to remove scalpel blades.



With the mounting bracket, the BladeFlask EVOs are placed in several stationary points within the operating room, **scalpel blade removal can be completed at point of use.**



They work within your standard safety procedures

- Fast implementation process
- Less training (compared to forceps)
- Compatible with wide range of blades



Clicksmart devices have **safely removed over 70 million** contaminated scalpel blades, and prevented up to 150,000 injuries around the world.



Automatic containment of used scalpel blades ensures that all funeral facility workers are protected from injury.



Clicksmart is an Australian medical device company committed to making healthcare professional's lives easier and safer, so that they can focus on patient care. Clicksmart has worked with innovators from the healthcare sector for more than 20 years to deliver solutions which target the overlooked concerns of nurses, surgeons, and healthcare institutions. To learn more about Clicksmart, visit clicksmart.com.



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