

AS/NZS 3825:1998 Procedures and Devices for the Removal and Disposal of Scalpel Blades from Scalpel Handles specifies that removal of the blade must occur using a **single-handed** technique. This requires a device **compliant with AS/NZS 3825** to be used in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. In general terms, this requires the approved blade-removing device to be **securely mounted to a surface** so that the container does not need to be held by the other hand during blade removal.

\*\*pg 47 - Infection Prevention and Control Guidelines for Podiatrists\*\*

After they are used, single-use syringes and needles, scalpel blades and other sharp items such as capillary tubes, glass and dental wires, should be placed in an appropriate container. These containers should be clearly labelled, puncture and leak proof, and conform to Standards AS 4031: 1992...

pg 53 - Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare

## The forgotten sharps injury

Scalpel injuries are 200 times more likely to occur than needlestick injuries. They are particularly common in surgical settings. Regrettably, many users and clinical administrators have underestimated the likelihood of these injuries.

Scalpel cuts can happen to anyone, including you, no matter how experienced you are in handling scalpels. These cuts can result in infections, blood-borne diseases and psychological distress. Other serious injuries could require microsurgery to repair digital arteries, nerves and tendons.

Many such scalpel injuries can be prevented using the Qlicksmart BladeFLASK, the world's pioneering single-handed blade remover.

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The Qlicksmart BladeFLASKs have safely removed over 70 million contaminated scalpel blades, and prevented up to 150,000 injuries around the world.



BladeFLASK is simple to use with a quick "push, click, and pull" action to remove and contain used scalpel blades.



This easy-to-use solution provides a lower cost alternative to safety scalpels.



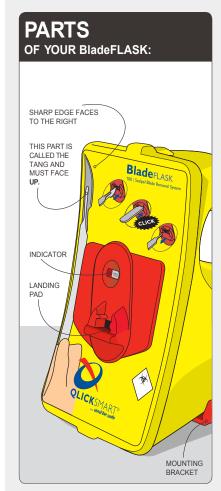
Used together with a hands-free passing technique, the BladeFLASK can prevent up to 5 times more injuries than a safety scalpel.

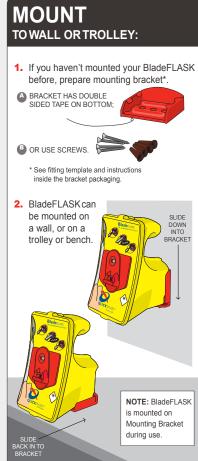


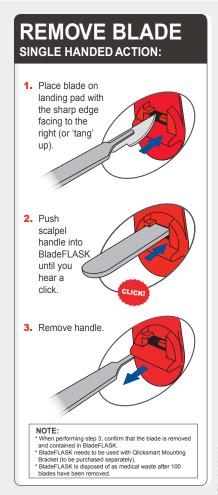
BladeFLASK allows all scalpel blade users to maintain their preferences for the standard metal handles.



BladeFLASK has won multiple awards, which demonstrate its practicality and effectiveness in reducing scalpel injuries.







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