A simply safer way to open glass ampoules

This easy-to-use ampoule opener avoids the unacceptable sharps injuries seen when ampoules are opened by hand.
Millions of tamper-proof glass ampoules are used to contain medications for use in healthcare and related healthcare each year. The practical benefits are clear but the resulting sharps injury rates have always been significant. Healthcare workers in the United States alone report between 600,000 and 1 million sharps injuries per year. Many more go unreported.

Over one quarter of sharps injuries occur while opening glass ampoules. When the neck of an ampoule is snapped during opening the very sharp edge on the ampoule and the ampoule lid can cause serious cuts. The costs of injuries is high and may include suture of laceration, weeks of rehabilitation and loss of salary.

Ampoule sharps injuries are a serious occupational health and safety hazard. When the neck of an ampoule is snapped during opening the very sharp edge on the ampoule and the ampoule lid can cause serious cuts. Most people who work with ampoules have suffered an ampoule sharps injury. SnapIT provides an essential safety solution to:

• Provide best practice occupational health and safety
• Avoid infection and contamination risk caused by sharps injuries
• Reduce time lost to sharps injuries
• Ensure a safe and effortless ampoule opening every time due to the extended lever action
• Prevent wastage of expensive medication contained in ampoules.

Causative Events for Needlestick and Sharps Injuries

- Opening an ampoule (26%)
- Opening the needle cap (28%)
- Broken ampoule (4%)
- Other NSIs (49%)
  (needle penetrated cap, disposal in sharps box, disassembling needle kit, unspecified methods)

Snap it, simply and safely

With SnapIT you can safely:
1. INSERT the ampoule lid into your multi-use SnapIT
2. SNAP open the ampoule
3. EJECT the ampoule lid directly into a sharps container

SnapIT avoids ampoule sharps injuries by keeping both hands away from the sharp edges during ampoule opening. One hand holds the base of the ampoule while the other hand simply uses the SnapIT to snap off the ampoule lid. The ampoule lid is contained safely within the SnapIT until ejected.

Choose the RIGHT SnapIT

SnapIT is available in three editions...

- **Trolley Edition:** for team use featuring a flat side so it can lay on a bench top or trolley without rolling away - perfect for hospital medication preparation areas.
- **Personal Edition:** anodised aluminium for personal use on a key ring, hung from a lanyard or kept in your pocket. Also great as a gift or promotional item.
- **Lite Edition:** made from sturdy, low cost plastic, also great as a promotional item or gift.

Not just effective, it is cost effective

Once off purchase of the multi-use SnapIT immediately improves safety and delivers ongoing savings by reducing injury costs, overcoming the need for more expensive solutions and avoiding the wastage, cost and environmental impact of single use ampoule openers. The cost of opening an ampoule can be as low as one cent.

The only replacement required is the silicon O-ring, and this is only required if it has been cut by glass fragments. Everytime you replace a cut O-ring means that you have avoided one more serious injury.

Applications of SnapIT

SnapIT should be used wherever glass ampoules are being used.

- Hospitals
- Nurses
- Paramedics
- Anaesthetists
- Educational facilities
- Veterinary practice
- Dentist surgeries
- General practices
- Home users or anyone that opens glass ampoules.

*See overleaf for sizing and specifications.*
Specifications

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Material: Anodised aluminium (body), Silicone (O-ring), Stainless steel (keyring and spring).

Instructions for Use

1. Align the dots if present. Gently insert all of the ampoule lid into the SnapIT. The ampoule lid becomes locked in at the neck.

2. With little effort, lever away from the dot to snap off the lid. The lid should remain held in the SnapIT.

3. Carefully aim over a sharps bin and eject the lid by pushing down on the rod with your thumb.

4. Clean your SnapIT regularly. Remove O-ring as shown to disassemble the parts and clean with water or hospital grade cleaner. Do this in a clean dish to avoid loss of parts. Dry completely then re-assemble.

**NOTE:** If your standard practice requires you to turn the dots away from your body, make sure that both dots are still aligned after turning and before snapping away from dot.

**NOTE:** If the ampoule lid breaks, tap the SnapIT over a sharps bin to remove excess glass pieces then rinse under running water before disassembling.

**SIZES:**
If the ampoule lid is too big, it will not fit through the entrance. Use a larger SnapIT.
If the ampoule is too small, the SnapIT will not hold the top securely. Use a smaller SnapIT.

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*Compatibility depends on the ampoule’s geometry and the diameter of the ampoule lid.
Ampoules of the same size can have a different geometry and ampoule lid diameter. The ampoule size in mls is only used as a guideline.