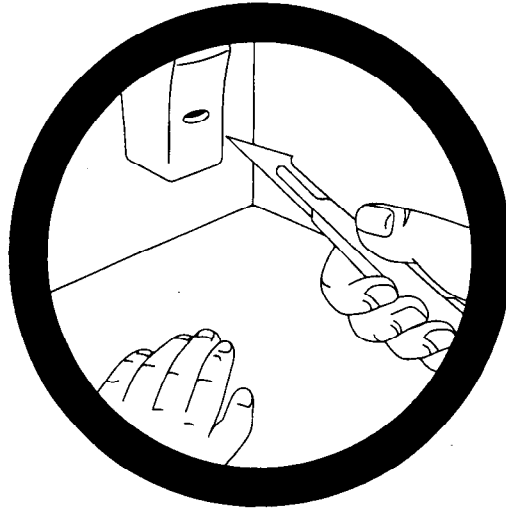


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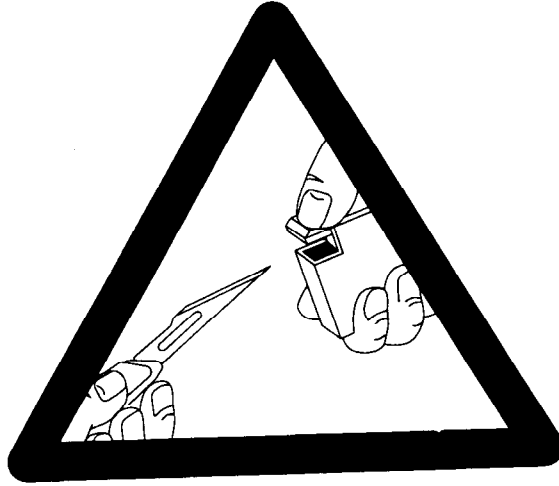
NOTE: Figure 1 illustrates the removal of a scalpel blade from the handle, but the design of the illustrated scalpel blade remover does not form part of the Standard.

FIGURE 1 SCALPEL BLADE REMOVER



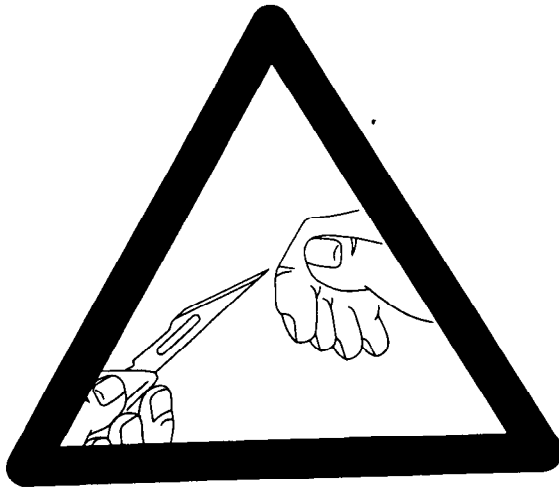
NOTE: Removal by needle holders (shown above), artery forceps or similar devices, except by personnel who have been trained in the use of such devices, is not recommended (see also Clause 5.1).

FIGURE 2 REMOVAL BY NEEDLE HOLDER



NOTE: A resheathing-type action is not recommended.

FIGURE 3 EXAMPLE OF A RESHEATHING-TYPE ACTION



NOTE: Removal by hand is not recommended.

FIGURE 4 REMOVAL BY HAND