



Infection Control: Employee Health: Needlestick and Cuts

Policy Statement

All personnel must follow our facility’s established procedures to help prevent injuries caused by needlesticks, sharp blades, broken glass, or other sharp instruments or devices, and to report all such incidents that occur.

Policy Interpretation and Implementation

1. The staff shall handle with caution used needles, sharp blades, broken glass, or other sharp objects or devices, to reduce the possibility of needlestick injuries and cuts.
2. To help prevent needlestick injuries, needles shall not be recapped, purposely bent or broken by hand, removed from disposable syringes, or otherwise manipulated by hand.
3. Staff shall place used needles and other sharp objects in puncture-resistant containers.
4. All personnel shall report needlestick injuries and cuts to their supervisor, who shall report the injury to the Infection Preventionist as soon as practical.
5. The facility has established procedures governing the handling and disposing of used needles and syringes. Copies of such procedures are available from the Infection Preventionist and Director of Nursing Services.

References	
Survey Tag Numbers	F880; F836
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Other References	OSHA’s Bloodborne Pathogens Standard and Enforcement Procedures and Needlestick Guidelines located at: www.osha.gov
Related Documents	Exposure Classification of Tasks/Procedures Exposure Reporting and Investigating Exposure Reports HIV Antibody Testing and Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Sharps Injury Record Task Evaluation and Classification Record
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