

Dear Healthcare Facilities,

In 2021, over 800 work-related needlestick injuries requiring a visit to a NJ emergency department were identified.

It is important you are up to date on your exposure control plan:

- [OSHA Model Plans and Programs](#)
- [Public Employee Model Exposure Control Plan](#)

And maintaining a sharps injury log:

- [OSHA model plan and programs](#)
- [Public Employee Sharps Injury Log \(OCC-1 Form\)](#)

Here are some additional tips to help protect your employees from needlestick injuries:

- Provide education and training on bloodborne pathogens and needlestick injuries annually.
- Evaluate needlestick hazards in the workplace regularly.
- Provide safety engineered sharps to your employees.
- Provide education and training on how to use a new device.
- Include non-managerial employees in device selection and annual evaluation.
- Ensure employee compliance with safe work practices.
- Assign a staff member to oversee sharps injury prevention.
- Encourage employees to report their needlestick injuries.
- Encourage employees to seek help if injured.
- Provide sharps containers in easily accessible locations.
- Provide appropriate personal protective equipment.
- Promote a workplace safety climate by prioritizing employee health and safety.
- Consider starting a CDC [Stop Sticks](#) campaign.



For additional resources on needlestick prevention:

[OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens and Needlestick Prevention](#)

[PEOSH Bloodborne Pathogens Standard \(29 CFR 1910.1030\)](#)

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