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Part 6, Section 6.33

Sector: 7660 - Service Sector, Health Care and Social Assistance

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Type: Worker for large employer

Organization: Nanaimo Regional General Hospital

Submission:

As I am a Health care provider I find the proposed changes very lacking. I regularly use needles, sharps, scalpels and sutures. The needles for intramuscular and subcutaneous are not covered in the new regulation. Also not included are scalpels and sutures. Do you not think that these items are not important? Of course they are. Why does the regulation not come in to effect until January 2008? I work with these items now. I have to work with the safety devices that are provided by the employer but I was not asked for my input. If I had been, I would have chosen different ones. I am the O H & S nurse rep for the hospital. Our records show an increase in needle stick/scalpel injuries, even with the "new needles that have been provided". This is not acceptable. Your regulation shows no mechanism for tracking or logging injuries. To some degree this is done at the facility. How does this information get back to you? I would like to see regulation that covers best practices like no hand to hand passing. What about neutral space? Please take another look at your regulations and make appropriate changes. The safety of my co-workers and myself depends upon you. Thanks, Pat Anderson

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Strongly Disagree

Q: The reasons given in the explanatory notes to support this change are relevant

A: Strongly Disagree

Q: The proposed change will have a direct effect on the work carried out at my workplace

A: Strongly Agree

Q: The proposed change will have a positive impact on the health or safety at my workplace

A: Strongly Disagree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Strongly Disagree

Q: I will participate in the regulatory review on-line process in future

A: Neutral

