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Submission:

I am concerned about the date that regulates safety devices in the workplace--2008 as implementation versus 2007. I have seen the worst needles/sharps used in Providence Health--no protective shield and I have had some near misses with sharp sticks. Fraser Health facilities have been using needles with safeguards for the last few years--they are at least better but not all the sharps have the shields. ie insulin syringes donot.

Retractable syringes are by far the best bet we have in reducing needle stick injuries as we can safely dispose of them right after giving an injection (with the shielded syringes the nurse still has to close the shield around the needle sharp itself which leaves her/him exposed to possible needle poke injury).

I am also concerned that more feedback hasn't been obtained from Healthcare workers with regards to the best needles/sharps for reducing injuries in the workplace.

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Agree

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

A: Agree

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

A: Agree

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

A: Disagree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Agree
