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Submission:

Regarding the Sharps & Safety Device Regulation-

1. The regulation should be brought into effect prior to Jan'08 (too long)
2. The regulation doesn't require employers to provide the safest safety devices and most are choosing the cheapest
3. There has been limited worker input in choosing devices....this should be mandatory to include workers in the selection process as they are the users
4. Only vascular devices are covered in the regulation which leaves the majority of sharps not covered.....needles for injection, scalpels, OR instruments etc.

While the proposed regulation is a good start it does not go far enough in protecting workers. I myself have suffered a scalpet laceration from an infected patient as well as a couple of needle stick injuries during the course of my career. It is very stressful taking preventive medications and waiting for test results all of which will impact the rest of your life and that of your family.

Please reconsider expansion of this language. Thank you.

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: 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: Agree

Q: I support the proposal

A: Agree

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

A: Agree
