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Submission:

In this day and age, I am appalled that Worksafe BC would even consider that the regulations around sharp injuries be mostly associated with venous access devices! All injuries that include the possibility of a person being exposed to another's blood and body fluids must be considered. Policies and directives must consider the likelihood of injury from all angles and for all employees. A person should not have to trust that their fellow worker will each and everytime discard the sharp they are using in an appropriate manner. A laundry worker, should not have to fear a bag coming down the shoot as a potential hazard to their health! Half the time, an employee has not been trained in the need for or the use of a biohazard container...never mind in how to protect themselves and others when receiving one through a laundry shoot! A nurse forced to work in an area that is forever under construction, should not be expected to just "suck it up" when injured by a piece of broken equipment or nail sticking out of a wall due to an inexperienced labourer's neglect or lack of knowledge or consideration of how and who may get injured! A surgical nurse should not have to worry that a doctor may be distracted or having a bad day and absent mindedly puts a needle driver in her hand with the needle attached! A tray does not "CUT" it! There must be regulation that governs the development of policies to protect all workers in all worksites all of the time! The current proposal is too broad and not good enough...and does not protect all workers all of the time! There must be strict guidelines that ensures the employer is providing a safe as possible work setting all of the time! As a public service sector employee, I insist that Worksafe BC return to the planning table and reconsider the current proposal and tighten it up to include/consider the rights and needs of all employees!

Q: The proposed change is easy to understand

A: Neutral

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: Neutral

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

A: Neutral

Q: I support the proposal

A: Strongly Disagree

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

A: Neutral
