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WorkSafe BC  
Re: Part 6 – Safety Needles Regulation  
To Whom It May Concern:

Hello,

I am a community health nurse working on the North Shore for the 'Early Years Team'. This means that my focus practice deals with working with expectant moms and newly delivered moms and their babies up to the ages of 5 years. A significant portion of my practice involves immunizing babies and children. Although the population I work with is deemed 'low risk', I recently had a puncture injury which has caused me to rethink the whole issue of safety needles.

In researching the statistics on the number of needle stick injuries and the resulting cost to the health care system, not withstanding the human toll, it would seem logical for the provincial government to mandate the immediate implementation of safety needles across the health care spectrum. The technology is available . . . it basically comes down to *dollars and sense*. Health care workers are an essential and valuable part of our societal infrastructure. They need and deserve to be protected.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration

Sincerely,  
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