NEEDLESTICK PREVENTION ON THE FARM

Needlestick injuries are usually minor, but they can be serious.

Most common injuries

- · Skin infections
- · Allergic reactions
- Deep tissue wounds that require surgery

Don't Get Stuck

- · Slow down don't rush with injections
- · Restrain animals properly
 - » Get help from coworkers
 - » Use the correct equipment and techniques
- · Don't recap needles
- · No needles/syringes in your pockets
- · Don't hold caps in your mouth
- Discard bent or dull needles
- Use approved sharps containers

Did You Know?

- Over 80% of farm workers vaccinating animals have accidentally stuck themselves.
- Vaccines are the most common type of drug involved in needlestick injuries.

Got Stuck?

- · Wash the skin with soap and water immediately
- · Report injury to your supervisor
- Call your healthcare provider

Be Careful

Especially with these Products

Tilmicosin (Micotil®)
Sedatives (e.g., Xylazine)
Oil-based products or vaccines
Brucella abortus Strain RB51 vaccine
Modified live vaccines (e.g. Erysipelas vaccine)
Johne's vaccine
Hormones - especially if pregnant
Antibiotics - especially if allergic



MORE INFORMATION:

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https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/sharps.html





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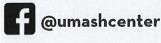


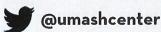
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GOT STUCK?

- · Wash the skin with soap and water immediately
- Report injury to your supervisor right away
- · Call your health care provider
- Call Poison Control: 1-800-222-1222







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