

## Needlestick Safety and Advocacy

### *For Healthcare Workers*

Did you know that over 1,000 needlesticks take place each day in U.S. healthcare facilities according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention? In your fast paced environment, simple solutions are vital to both you and your patients' safety. NeedleTape™ offers such a solution. Available in several sizes and tape types, the product has the potential to raise awareness surrounding needlesticks and potentially prevent further injury (click on link for more information [NeedleTape™](#)).

Know your rights. Learn more about Federal legislation that supports your health and safety regarding needlesticks, [National Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act](#).

The online community Safe in Common, [www.safeincommon.org](http://www.safeincommon.org) is designed to bring educators and healthcare professionals together to address sharps injuries. Additionally, there exist numerous resources that monitor the landscape of needlestick safety and prevention and provide valuable resources. These include:

[CDC Exposure to Blood. What Healthcare Personnel Need to Know](#)

[CDC National Healthcare Safety Network](#)

[CDC Preventing Needlesticks and Sharps Injuries](#)

[NIOSH:What Every Worker Should Know. How to Protect Yourself from Needlestick Injuries](#)

[OSHA Bloodborne Pathogens Fact Sheet](#)

[OSHA Hospital e-Tool: Needlesticks/Sharps Injuries](#)

[OSHA Bloodborne Fact Sheet 2 - Protect Yourself When Handling Sharps](#)

[OSHA Bloodborne Fact Sheet 3 - Personal Protective Equipment Cuts Risk](#)

[OSHA Bloodborne Fact Sheet 4 - Reporting Exposure Incidents](#)

[American Nurses Association \(ANA\) Needlestick Prevention Guide](#).

[Comprehensive information by the ANA on needlestick safety, prevention and advocacy.](#)

[SEIU: Guide to Preventing Needlesticks](#)