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

**Most common injuries**
- Skin infections
- Allergic reactions
- Deep tissue wounds that require surgery

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**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.

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**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

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**Got Stuck?**
- Wash the skin with soap and water immediately
- Report injury to your supervisor
- Call your healthcare provider

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**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

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**MORE INFORMATION:**
umash.umn.edu/needlestick
www.cdc.gov/niosh/stopsticks/sharpsinjuries.html

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