

# NEEDLESTICK PREVENTION

## OUCH!

### 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:

<http://www.porkgateway.org/FileLibrary/PIGLibrary/Factsheets/a6672v1-0.pdf>

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/stopsticks/sharpsinjuries.html>



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