

UMASH Success Stories



PREVENTING NEEDLESTICK INJURIES

The Problem:

Needlestick injury research shows that over 80% of farm workers and 73% of swine veterinarians working in animal agriculture have accidentally stuck themselves. Vaccines are the most common type of product involved. Needlestick injuries are usually minor, however depending on the product, they can be serious causing:

- Skin infections
- Allergic reactions
- Deep tissue wounds that require surgery
- Miscarriages due to hormone products
- Serious cardiovascular events

The Solution:

UMASH addressed the problem of needlestick injury by developing educational tools for farm managers, workers and veterinarians. These resources include **bilingual (*English and Spanish*) training videos for both dairy and swine operations and accompanying fact sheets** which describe in more detail the do's and don'ts when handling sharps.

These resources have been featured in various trade journals, radio features and a webinar hosted by AgriSafe. In addition, the fact sheets were incorporated into the OSHA Guidance Documents for Dairy Local Emphasis Program in Wisconsin.

NEEDLESTICK PREVENTION SAFETY RESOURCES



UMASH on YouTube

The UMASH YouTube channel features ag safety training videos *in English and Spanish*.

The needlestick prevention videos for dairy and swine workers have over 3,900 views.

