



FARM SAFETY CHECK

SPANISH RESOURCES

SHARPS HANDLING SAFETY CHECKLIST

Needlestick injuries on the farm are usually minor, but they can be life-threatening. Farmers, ranchers, veterinarians, and agricultural workers are susceptible to needlestick injuries on the job. Prevent these kinds of injuries through worker training and best practices with sharps storage, handling, and disposal.

You and/or your employee(s) can use this form to complete safety checks on your farm. Use the form below to list additional safety checks you think are important when inspecting your farm. Keep the completed forms for follow-up, future reference and inspections. Additional copies of this form can be downloaded at:

<http://umash.umn.edu/umash-farm-safety-check/>

	Yes	Needs Correction	Date Corrected or Notes
Do you have a safety training program for employees who are working with sharps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Does employee training address products of most concern if there were an accidental needlestick?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Do injection procedures include enough time for safe handling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are employees trained to restrain animals properly while handling sharps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are employees trained how to use a one-handed scoop if it is necessary to recap a needle? Refer to training videos at umash.umn.edu/needlestick	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Have employees had safety training on how to respond to an injury, get healthcare, and report an injury?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Are appropriate disposal containers readily available for disposing of sharps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Is your farm complying with the state or local requirements for proper disposal of sharps (medical waste)? E.g type of container, labeling, disposal sites. Refer to SafeNeedleDisposal.org	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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Name of person completing safety check: _____ Date completed: ___ / ___ / ___

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Needlestick Prevention Resources

Upper Midwest Agricultural Safety and Health Center (UMASH)
(Many are in English and Spanish)
<http://umash.umn.edu/needlestick-prevention/>

Stop Sticks

National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH)
<https://www.cdc.gov/nora/councils/hcsa/stopsticks/default.html>

The facts and information provided are suggestions for your safety, but are in no way a comprehensive and exhaustive list of all actions needed to ensure your safety, and are not an endorsement of any products mentioned.

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