



Success Stories

PREVENTING NEEDLESTICK INJURIES

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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.** Needlestick injuries are usually minor, however depending on the product they can be serious.

The Solution:

UMASH addressed the problem of needlestick injury by developing educational tools for farm managers, workers and veterinarians. These resources include **lingual (English and Spanish) training videos for both dairy and swine operations and accompanying fact sheets.**

THE IMPACT

- ⇒ **Featured in publications** including Hoard's Dairyman, National Hog Farmer, Midwest Marketer, Bovine Veterinarian and others.
- ⇒ Used by veterinarian supplier for **training on safe handling of pharmaceuticals** on dairies.
- ⇒ **Requests to co-brand the resources** for greater use and distribution.
- ⇒ **Videos have been used with mobile technology (iPads)** to train 2,000 dairy workers on site in SW United States.
- ⇒ Included in the **OSHA Guidance Documents** for Dairy Local Emphasis Program in Wisconsin.
- ⇒ New **sharps disposal factsheet** to provide guidance on safe disposal of sharps on the farm.

The bilingual (*English and Spanish*) needlestick prevention videos have over **5,700 views** on our YouTube channel.



WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

"A well done resource for farm managers, agribusinesses, veterinary services and healthcare clinicians."

- Certified Occupational Health Nurse
- "[These] have been important resources to be sure our "learners" know how to stay safe! Honestly, I haven't been able to find better resources than yours!"*
- Large corporate dairy farm



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