



OUCH!

A cut? A pinprick?
Blood-related accidents happen every day.



Used instruments constitute a considerable risk of infection for health care personnel. A blood-related accident can happen to anyone.

The employer must have in place instructions for the assessment of risks caused by sharp instruments, and the employer must inform staff about the instructions. An employee who has an accident has the right to first aid and any necessary care.

Social and health care professional: demand training for the prevention of accidents.

Immediately report to the employer any accidents and close calls caused by sharp objects. Do not risk infection by recapping a needle. Take care that you are covered with all necessary vaccination.

The employer is responsible for providing instructions and ensuring that they are followed. Contact the workers representative at your workplace for more information.

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