

Who is at risk?

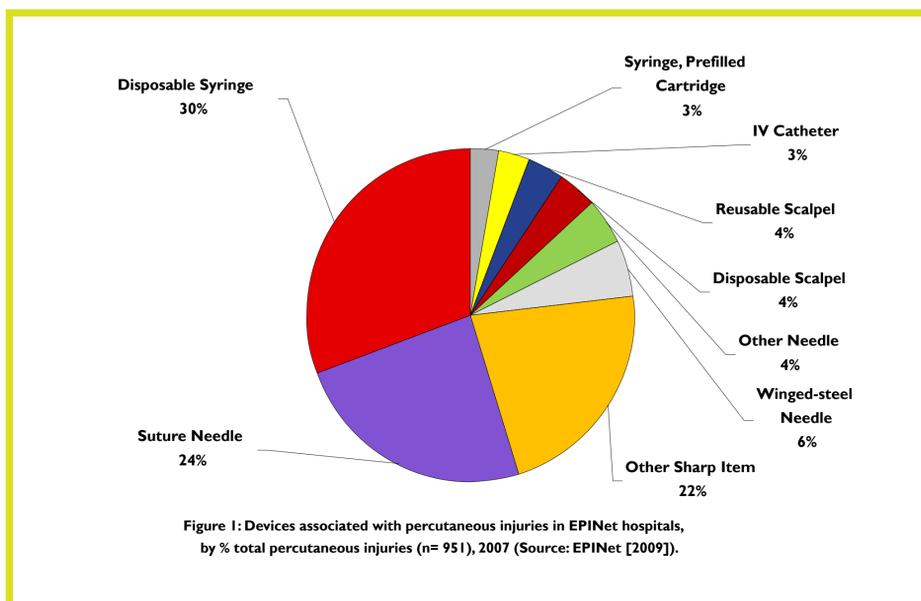
Health care workers who may be exposed to sharps objects (and the percentage of all exposures by occupation) include:

- Nurses (44%)
- Residents (10%)
- Physicians (9%)
- Housekeeping (5%)
- Students (2%)

Protect Yourself, Your Co-Workers, and Your Patients

- Use sharps with safety features whenever possible.
- Wash your hands for 15 seconds before and after each patient's care.
- Wear gloves whenever blood or body fluids are present.
- Wear gowns and face/eye protection whenever blood exposure is possible.
- Dispose of sharps in proper sharps disposal containers.

Devices Associated with Injury



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department title of graph]**

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Sharps injuries can lead to serious or fatal infections. All health care workers who are at risk should take steps to protect themselves from this significant health hazard.

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