



EFN Policy Statement

Prevention of Sharp Injuries

Injuries caused by needles and other sharp medical devices are a major threat to the health and safety of healthcare workers across the EU. The consequent sickness and absenteeism resulting from such injuries, places further strain on already limited human resources in healthcare.

The European Federation of Nurses calls on the EU to communicate clear requirements to Member States which will ensure:

- Safer working practices such as safe disposal, protective equipment and clear effective protocols in the case of injury and the development of sharps protection technology;
- Consistent compliance with EU Worker Safety and Health Directives by EU healthcare providers;
- Better education and information of healthcare workers on the risks of exposure, prevention and effective incident reporting.

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