

Protecting Staff Without Compromise

Sharps injuries are a very real danger for healthcare workers. Keeping your workers focused on the patient is of utmost importance. The right safety products can help your staff maintain a safe work environment and help reduce the chance of experiencing a sharp injury.

According to the CDC approximately

1,000 injuries/day

happen from sharp instruments at hospitals every year.¹

17% of sharps injuries are caused by scalpel blades.²

49% of sharps injuries are to Nurses or Surgery Attendants.³

90% of the time an injury occurs, the sharp was contaminated.³

injuries happen in the removing or attaching of blades to reusable handles.²

approximately
20x's
perday

69% of injuries happen during passing of the device.²



Each sharp injury can cost between **\$500 – \$3,000** per post exposure treatment.⁴

If a patient contracts HIV, costs can spike as high as

\$20,000/year.⁵



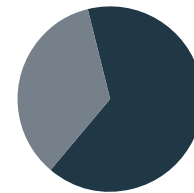
Along with compromising healthcare workers safety, lifetime medical costs can be more than

\$1 MILLION for an infected person.⁵

Sharps injuries can cost the US healthcare system between **\$182M – \$1B.**⁵



35% of sharps injuries happen in the operating room.³



To enable your staff to provide the best possible care to their patients, while also complying to sharp safety regulations and to gain access to our wide breadth of safety scalpel devices, please contact your local Aspen Surgical representative or visit aspensurgical.com.

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