

NEEDLESTICK PREVENTION ON THE FARM

Needlestick injuries are usually minor, but they can be serious.

Most common injuries

- Skin infections
- Allergic reactions
- Deep tissue wounds that require surgery

Over 80% of farm workers who vaccinate animals have accidentally stuck themselves.

Don't Get Stuck

1. Slow down - don't rush with injections
2. Restrain animals properly
3. Get help from coworkers
4. Use the correct equipment & techniques
5. Don't recap needles
6. No needles/syringes in your pockets
7. Don't hold caps in your mouth
8. Discard bent or dull needles
9. Use approved sharps containers

Got Stuck?

1. Wash the skin with soap and water immediately
2. Report injury to your supervisor
3. Call your healthcare provider

Take Extra Care with these products

Tilmicosin (Micotil®)

Sedatives (e.g. Xylazine)

Oil-based adjuvants

Brucella abortus Strain RB51 vaccine

Modified live vaccines (e.g. Erysipelas vaccine, Johne's vaccine)

Hormones – especially if handlers may be pregnant

Antibiotics - may cause an allergic reaction.



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