

When needlestick and sharp-object injuries occur

◆ During use of item	47.5%
◆ Between steps of a multi-step procedure	14.1%
◆ Disassembling device or equipment	2.4%
◆ In preparation for reuse of reusable instruments	1.3%
◆ While recapping a used needle	3.4%
◆ Withdrawing a needle from rubber or other resistance	1.6%
◆ Other after use, before disposal (exposures that occur after needle used but before disposed of that don't fall into any other category)	10.5%
◆ From item left on or near disposal container	0.2%
◆ While putting item into the disposal container	4.0%
◆ After disposal, stuck by item protruding from disposal container	1.1%
◆ Item pierced side of disposal container	0.1%
◆ After disposal, item protruding from trash bag or inappropriate location	0.6%
◆ Restraining patient	0.6%
◆ Device left on floor, table, bed, or other inappropriate location	5.3%
◆ Other	7.3%

Source: 2007 U.S. EPINet Needlestick and Sharp-Object Injury Report