How Do Needlesticks Occur?

The possibility of a needlestick injury is present during every stage of their use, disassembly, or disposal. The following is a breakdown of when needlesticks are most likely to occur:

- During use: 52%
- During or after disposal: 22%
- After use, before disposal: 19%

During Use

The following are the most common ways needlesticks happen during use:
- Access IV line
- Transfer/process specimens
- Pass/transfer equipment
- Collision with sharp or worker
- Insertion or removal of needle
- Other

Disposal Of Sharps

The following are the most common ways needlesticks happen during disposal:
- In transit to disposal
- Improper Disposal

Immediately After Use

The following are the most common ways needlesticks happen after use:
- Activation of safety feature
- Recapping needles
- During clean up

What To Do If You Are Stuck

- Wash the procedure with soap and water
- Notify your supervisor
  - Notify Worklogic HR Safety
- Complete an Incident Report:
  - Date and time of exposure
  - Procedure being performed and type of device being used
  - The source-patient (presence of, or risk factors for, Bloodborne Pathogens)
  - Your pertinent health status
- Go directly to your Occupational Medical Provider for evaluation
- Comply with, and document, all medically necessary follow-up testing