

Prevention of Sharps Injuries in Healthcare

Seminar for the Healthcare Sector



Date:

Wednesday 26th Nov
10am – 1pm

Venue:

Ashling Hotel, Parkgate
Street, Dublin 8

Car parking in the hotel car park is €2 per hour.

The hotel is a few minutes walk from Heuston Station.
The nearest Luas Redline stops are Heuston Station or
the National Museum.



**Admission is free but places are limited so
pre-booking is essential.**

To register please mail barry_devitt@hsa.ie and provide your company
details and name. Closing date for registration is 21st November 2014.

Sharps injuries are a well-known risk in the healthcare sector. Sharps contaminated with an infected patient's blood can transmit more than 20 diseases, including hepatitis B, C and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Because of this transmission risk, sharps injuries can cause worry and stress to the those employees who receive them.

Workers and others in healthcare are at risk. This includes employees who directly handle sharps and employees who may inadvertently be put at risk when sharps are not stored or disposed of correctly.

Health and safety law applies to risks from sharps injuries, just as it does to other risks from work activities.



The Sharps Safety Seminar will address:

The legal requirements relating to the prevention of sharps injuries in the healthcare sector including the EU (Prevention of Sharps Injuries in the Healthcare Sector) Regulations 2014 and Best practice with regard to the prevention of sharps injuries

Who should attend?

The seminar is for those in the healthcare sector including public, private and voluntary healthcare providers. The seminar may be of particular interest to managers of healthcare services, managers and department heads in the clinical setting and to others involved in the management and prevention of sharps injuries such as health and safety personnel, risk managers, infection control and occupational health personnel, procurement personnel and health and safety representatives.

Speakers include:

9.45 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.30	Legal requirements for prevention of sharps injuries <i>Ms Anne Maria O'Connor, Senior Inspector, Health and Safety Authority</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Education and training to reduce sharps injuries <i>Ms Ann O'Reilly, CNS, Occupational Health Dept., St Vincent's University Hospital</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Break
11.15 – 11.45	Needle free devices and implications for patient safety <i>Ms Sheila Donlon, ADON in Infection Control, Beaumont Hospital</i>
11.45 – 12.00	HSE and developing a policy on the prevention of sharps injuries <i>Ms Anne Marie Howard, CNM3, Occupational Health, University Hospital Waterford</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Prevention in practice – A Dublin hospital's experience <i>Dr Blánaid Hayes, Consultant Occupational Health Physician, Beaumont Hospital</i>
12.30 – 1.00	Q&A