



Identify and eliminate RISK exposure

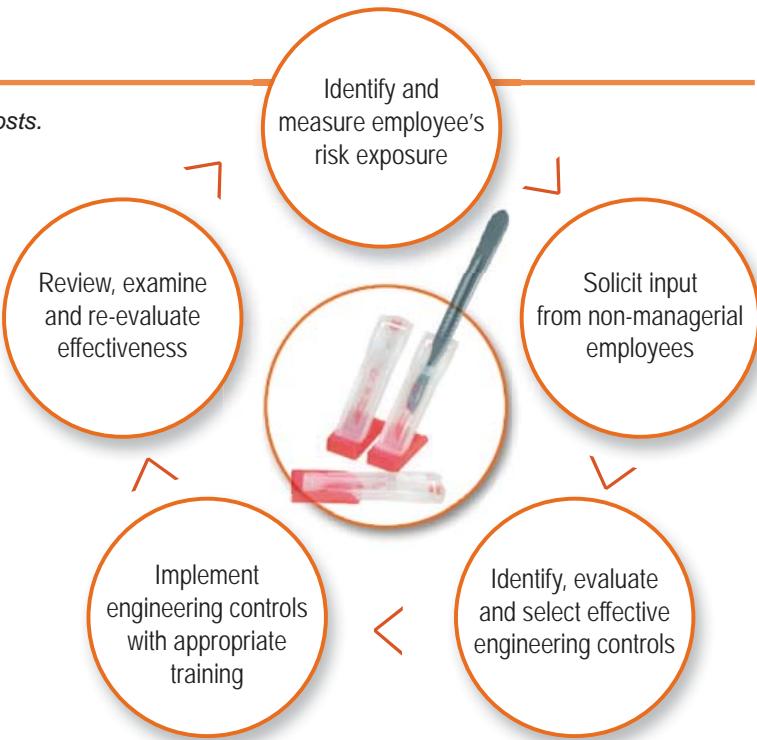
Employers need to establish an Exposure Control Plan

This essential safety solution dramatically reduces injury costs.

OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Requirements

1. Employers shall establish a written Exposure Control Plan designed to eliminate or minimize employee exposure
2. Employers **must** identify worker exposures to blood and other potentially infectious materials
3. Employers **must** select and implement appropriate engineering controls to reduce or eliminate employee exposure
4. Employers **must** review and re-evaluate effectiveness of control plan

*Identify and eliminate RISK exposure with QlickSmart® for your OR safety initiative. Call today! **800 837 5511***



Minimize risks of injury and infection

Sharps injuries are a serious occupational hazard in healthcare settings. Scalpel cuts are not only more severe than needle stick injuries, they are also more likely to happen. The single-handed technique of removing blades minimizes your risk.

- + 8-11% of sharps injuries are **caused by scalpel blades**.^{1,2}
- + There are **662 scalpel injuries per 100,000 scalpel blades used**, compared to 3.2 syringe and loose needle incidences per 100,000 disposable syringes and loose needles used.³ Scalpel injury rates are 200 times higher than sharps injuries involving syringes.

These alarmingly common scalpel injuries cause pain, emotional distress, potentially fatal infections, and damage to digital nerves, arteries or tendons requiring microsurgery and extensive rehabilitation.

QlickSmart® blade removers dramatically reduces the risk of scalpel blade injuries in operating theatres.

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Make compliance a practical reality

Research shows that when a single-handed scalpel blade remover is combined with a hands-free passing technique (HFPT) it is up to five times safer than a safety scalpel.⁴

QlickSmart® blade removers are CE compliant and meet OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard "1910.1030"

This essential safety solution makes compliance a practical reality and dramatically reduces injury costs.

Healthcare workers in the United States alone report between 600,000 and 1 million sharps injuries per year. Many more go unreported.⁵

Sterile Blade Removers ensure optimal safety based on speed and convenience for the end-user, ergonomic simplicity and passive, automatic and single-handed safety principles.

Make arrangements to evaluate QlickSmart® for your OR safety initiative. Contact us today!

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