



For *your* health...

**and for the health of people who work around you,
safety engineered medical sharps are required
beginning October 1, 2008**

What do these changes mean?

As of October 1, 2008 any medical procedure that involves the use of a medical sharp requires that a safety engineered sharp device be used.

Examples of these devices include:

- scalpels with a locking retractable guard
- blunt tip suture needles for sewing up muscle and fascia
- lancets with a retractable sharp

Who do these changes apply to?

The Occupational Health & Safety Regulation (OHSR) applies to all workplaces in BC, including medical offices, clinics and hospitals.

Where is more information available?

If you would like more information, please visit our website at www.worksafebc.com for both the regulations and guidelines associated with these changes — Reference OSHR 6.36 (1.2) — or call the Prevention Information Line at 1 888 621-7233 to contact your local WorkSafeBC Occupational Hygiene Officer.

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