

4167-3-06 Safe needle standards.

(A) Definitions

(1) "Public health care worker" means a person who is employed by a public employer to provide health services or other services that carry with them the potential for exposure incidents to bloodborne pathogens, including a person employed by a public hospital or other public health care facility, a person employed by a public employer to provide home health care, and a person employed by a public employer as a firefighter, emergency medical technician-basic, emergency medical technician-intermediate, or emergency medical technician-paramedic.

(2) "Public health care worker" does not include a person who is employed by a public employer to provide dental services, treatment, or training or a dental student who is receiving training from a public employer.

(B) Needlestick records

In addition to records which may be required under the public employment risk reduction program identified under section 4167.11 of the Revised Code, the employer of any public employee is required to maintain and submit accurate records of public health care worker exposure incidents of needlesticks or sharps to the public employment risk reduction program. These records shall be submitted in a manner prescribed by administrator. The records shall contain, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) The date and time of the incident;
- (2) The type and brand of sharp involved;
- (3) The job classification of each worker involved;
- (4) The department or work area where the incident occurred;
- (5) The procedure the worker was performing at the time of the incident;
- (6) How the incident occurred;
- (7) The body part involved;
- (8) If the sharp involved in the incident was manufactured with engineered sharps injury protection, a specification of whether the incident occurred before, during, or after activation of the protective mechanism;

(9) If the sharp involved in the incident was not manufactured with engineered sharps injury protection, an assessment of whether and how the incident could have been prevented by a sharp with protection, and the basis for the assessment;

(10) Any other relevant description of the exposure incident.

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