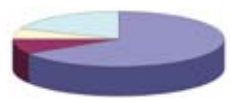


Where Do the Accidents Occur?

☞ Patient's room	66 %
☞ Operat. theatre/intensive care	9 %
☞ Laboratory	6 %
☞ Other reasons	19 %



Which Activities Cause the Most Injuries?

☞ Disposal	27,0 %
☞ Whilst applying object as intended	22,6 %
☞ Recapping	3,9 %
☞ All other activities	46,5 %



Needlesticks Are Not Trivial Incidents.

As shown in 23 studies from throughout the world, an employee suffers a needlestick or cut injury with a sharp object every 1 – 2 years.

The mentality “Nothing can happen to me”, is reflected directly in the total of registered injuries with risk potential. The report rate lies between 10% and 50%. Report rates amongst nursing staff are higher than amongst medical staff. Clearly these two occupational groups evaluate the risks differently.

The reasons for not reporting incidents were given as follows:

☞ Superficial injury	35 %
☞ Sufficient Hepatitis immunisation	18 %
☞ No time to make a report	11 %
☞ Not familiar with report system	10 %
☞ Nightshift/weekend duty	9 %
☞ Forgotten	7 %
☞ Other reasons	10 %



Source: Hasselborn, Hofmann et al Needlestick injuries in hospital