Sharps Injury Log

The Sharps Injury Log is a new requirement of the revised Bloodborne Pathogens Standard (January 2001). This Log must track: the type and brand of device involved in the accident; the department or work area where the exposure occurred; and an explanation of how the incident occurred. This Log shall be maintained with employee confidentiality for 5 years.

In the incident summary of the Sharps Injury Log, if the sharp had an engineered sharps injury protection, then: note whether the protective mechanism was activated; and whether the injury occurred before the protective mechanism was activated, during activation of the mechanism, or after activation of the mechanism. Also note if the employee was trained in the proper use of the device before its use. Include a description of that training. If the sharp had no engineered sharps injury protections, then the following must be examined and recorded:

- *The injured employee's opinion as to whether and how such a mechanism could have prevented the injury, and the basis for the opinions*
- *The employee's opinion about whether any other engineering, administrative, or work practice control could have prevented the injury, and the basis of this opinion.*

Date	**Department/ Work Area**	**Device Used in Exposure** ***(type and brand)***	**Incident Summary** ***(nature of incident)***