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# Accidents – procedure

## Needle or cutting accidents

If you prick or cut yourself with an instrument that has been in contact with a patient, you must immediately:

1. **Thoroughly rinse/wash the area** with water and soap
2. **Apply ethanol to the area** (70-85%) twice
3. **Call 1813 in order to be referred to emergency unit** in order to establish whether you have been exposed to hepatitis B, C and HIV. The following will take place:
  - Risk assessment of the accident will be performed by a doctor
  - Blood sample will be taken in order to test for hepatitis B antigen and antibody as well as hepatitis C antibody
  - Vaccination for hepatitis B (should be commenced immediately after the accident and no later than 48 hours after). If you are fully vaccinated for hepatitis B and have shown adequate antibody response (>10 IE), no further vaccination is necessary.
  - By certain or confirmed suspicion of exposure to HIV infection contact clinic for infection medicine for assessment of antiviral treatment.

4. **Fill out the registration form** regarding needle accidents with a description of the occurrence (incl. whether the patient has any known infectious diseases, e.g. HIV or hepatitis B).

*The registration form is available in rooms 29.1.24, 31.2.26 and 31.2.24. The form must be signed by an area manager who will send the form to the security manager. You will receive a copy of the filled-out form.*

*This registration documents that the occurrence has taken place and can be used in claims for damages if the occurrence results in infection and disease. Statement of claim to the National Board of Industrial Injuries (Arbejdsskadestyrelsen) is only required by absence for more than 1 day.*

## Spray or splash in eyes

- If sprayed in eyes, you should immediately rinse generously with eye rinse or water, preferably isotonic saline water (0.9%)
- By blood splatter call 1813 for reference to emergency unit (see Needle or cutting accidents, 3 and 4)
- After accidents involving acid or base splashes you should rinse for at least 15 minutes. See also the relevant security data sheet for the specific substance.

The Hygiene committee and  
The Local Health and Occupational Hazard committee