

What Does Effective Infection Protection Cost?

Needlestick injuries cause high costs. Various studies have calculated costs ranging from EUR 356 to EUR 3465 for a needlestick. On average the costs are round EUR 500, according to reliable calculations made by occupational health practitioners in Wuppertal. The costs incurred due to work stoppage are not included.

For around 50,000 reported needlestick injuries in Germany, for example, costs of approx. 25 million euros arise. If the costs for the needlestick injuries that go unreported are added, then economic damages amount to about 47 million euros in Germany alone.

Over the past 4 years the costs for safety products have decreased.

Today protection of employees from dangerous infections in the healthcare sector is virtually **self-financing** with safe devices, thus ensuring staff increased personal safety when dealing with patients, and improving life quality.