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# SPOTTING THE SOURCE OF INJURIES



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**Hiding in plain sight:** Cuts and puncture wounds are common workplace hazards—and not just in clinical departments. Champions can help their teammates avoid these injuries in all work settings, including food preparation areas, warehouses, shipping areas, mechanical and equipment rooms, and office spaces. Plan to round for safety in your department this month.

## COMMON SOURCES OF CUTS AND PUNCTURES



- ✓ Needles
- ✓ Scalpels
- ✓ Box cutters
- ✓ Kitchen knives
- ✓ Meat slicers
- ✓ Tape dispensers
- ✓ Scissors
- ✓ Glass slides or medicine vials
- ✓ Sharp edges in mechanical rooms
- ✓ Moving parts on large equipment
- ✓ Metal doors on file cabinets or desks

### Rounding for safety

Clear communication is a key to safety. Ask team members the following questions and fill out their answers below.

**1. What are the risks for cuts and punctures in this department?**

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**2. What do you do to prevent these injuries from happening in the department?**

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**3. What are your ideas for better ways to prevent these injuries from happening?**

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After identifying the risks in your department, follow up by talking with your unit-based team and local safety lead. For additional tips, visit [LMPPartnership.org](http://LMPPartnership.org) and enter "Make the Workplace Safer" in the search box.