

ABCDE: Always Best Continuing Dental Education

Rate Your Safety Compliance Risk

Answer these sample compliance questions to assess your office's risk of enforcement penalties such as: OSHA, HIPPA, State Board of Dental Examiners, etc.

- As **required** by OSHA has your staff been trained annually on Bloodborne Pathogen's Standard?
- Has your facility annually updated the written Bloodborne Pathogen's Program?
- > Do you have Hepatitis B immunization records available for applicable staff?
- ➤ Have you conducted and documented an annual survey of sharps used in the office and implemented safety devices: safety syringes, disposable scalpels, recapping devices, etc.?
- ➤ Have you conducted the annual OSHA Hazard Communication (Right-to-Know) Training?
- Are all containers in your office properly labeled with the material's identity and appropriate warnings as required by the OSHA Hazcom Standard?
- ➤ Do you document a weekly inspection of your emergency eyewash station and monthly inspection of your fire extinguishers?
- Do you have appropriate sterilization records such as weekly spore testing autoclaves?
- Have you tested your dental water lines for bacteria counts to ensure patient safety?
- Are your patients' dental records secured: locked up at night and/or confidentiality statements signed by your housekeepers and other vendors?

If you have one or more gap(s) in your program you are **vulnerable** to **regulatory action**.