

# Sharpsmart:

## Impact of Engineering on Sharps Injuries

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**“Enhanced aperture design can significantly reduce container-associated Sharps Injuries. Other factors contributing to reduced injuries may include hand deposit, safe closure, hand restriction, and pre-assembly.” - Authors**

### What was the study?

This 2 year, 28 hospital before-and-after study **‘Sharps injury reduction using a sharps container with enhanced engineering: a 28 hospital nonrandomized intervention and cohort study’** examined the impact of conversion from disposable sharps containment systems to the Daniels Sharpsmart reusable container.

14 hospitals converted to the Daniels reusable system, and 14 hospitals remained as a control cohort group who did not convert to the Daniels Sharpsmart reusable container.

### What were the results?

In the 14 hospitals who converted to Daniels Sharpsmarts:

- After-Procedure Sharps Injuries (SI) fell 30%
- Disposal Related SI fell 57%
- Container Associated SI fell 81%

In the control group using disposable sharps containers:

- No significant reductions occurred in container associated injuries
- Total SI increased

Hospitals using the Daniels Sharpsmart reusable device had significantly fewer total SI than the control hospitals.

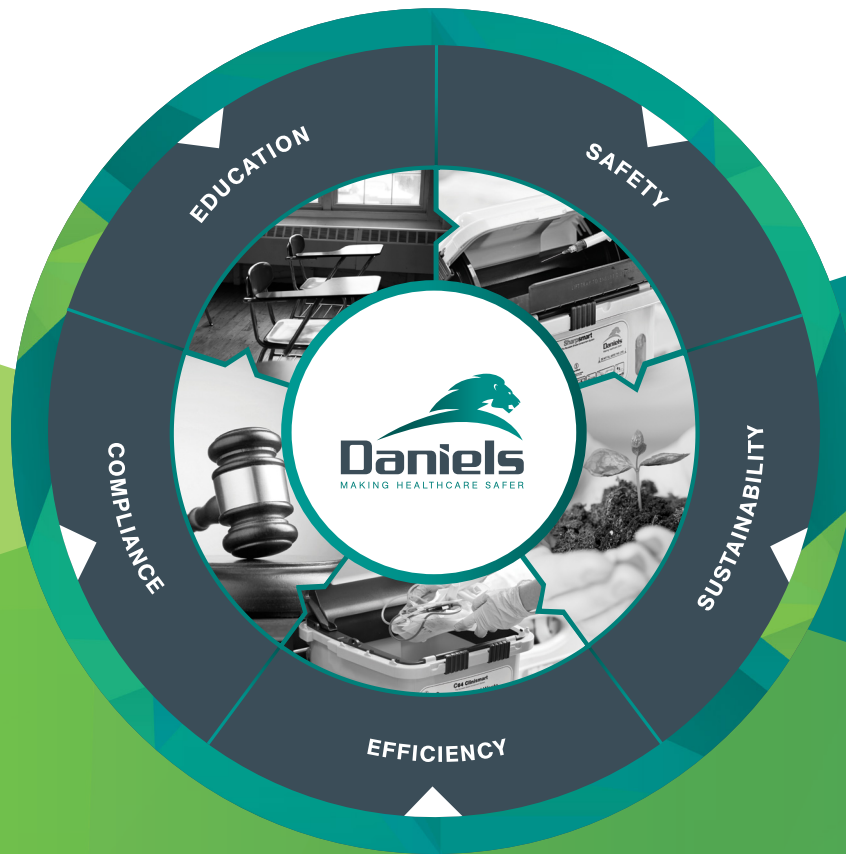
### What does this mean for you?

The results demonstrate that the Daniels Sharpsmart reusable containment system delivers a significant reduction in container-related and disposal-related Sharps Injuries.



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