

## CLOVER SAFE # 2



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## SEWING MACHINE SAFETY

Information available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission indicates a total of approximately 2,700 people were treated in hospitals for sewing machine injuries during 2005. Most of the injuries (60%) were puncture wounds and cuts to fingers. Many of the injuries were caused by operator error or inattention and could have been prevented by understanding how a sewing machine works and maintaining awareness of potential hazards. For additional information about sewing machine safety, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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