



BitePRO™ Arm Guard Version 1

## BitePRO™ Arm Guards Can Protect Mental Health Care Workers and Special Needs Teachers From Human Bites

By Robert Kaiser, CEO of PPSS Group

The risk of suffering from a human bite is an undeniable part of workplace reality of professionals working within schools specialised in severe learning disabilities, challenging behaviour, special needs or autism, as well as care workers within mental health care facilities and psychiatric hospitals. **BitePRO™ Arm Guards** can effectively help reduce the risk of such injuries.

“ According to *The American Journal of Forensic Medicine and Pathology*, bite injuries represent 1% of all emergency department admissions in the United States!

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According to an article by Helen Acree Conlon, MS, MPH, ARNP, titled 'Human Bites in the Classroom: Incidence, Treatment and Complications' it has been estimated that at least one half of the population will experience some type of bite in their lifetime. Human bites are the third leading cause of all bites seen in hospital emergency departments after dog and cat bites. Human bites can be the source of exposure to body fluids, transmission of communicable diseases, infections ranging from cellulitis to osteomyelitis, and joint deformity from septic arthritis.

According to data released by the UK's NHS Security Management Service, mental health care professionals are far more likely to be attacked than other health care workers with a total of 38,958 assaults in 2008-09, accounting for 71% of attacks on health care staff during that period. However, the percentage of which involved human bites is unknown.

Mark Perry, appeared close to tears when attending the NASUWT (largest teachers union in the UK) conference in 2009 and telling fellow delegates of his experiences with disturbed ten-year-olds in Wrexham, North Wales. He described that on one occasion he was bitten so hard that blood was drawn.

Another delegate, Suzanne Nantcurvis, a geography teacher from Llangollen, North Wales, said she knew members who had been forced to pay for immunisations and protective equipment. 'Biting is quite a big issue in special schools and when risk assessments are completed it is usual to put in the control measure of a protective arm guard,' she said. (UK newspaper 'Daily Mail', printed 16th April 2009)

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We are all too aware that bite related injuries can become infected and mental health care professionals, special educational needs teachers and others could subsequently be contaminated with pathogens. Transmissions of potentially life threatening viruses, such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV are also a part of reality, hence I believe that **BitePRO™ Arm Guards** can help protect the above highlighted professionals.

Looking at the potential and realistic consequences, especially following a human bite, we must look at all possible options in order to help protect mental health care professionals, teachers within special needs schools and others working within challenging sectors e.g. autism and severe learning disabilities, from such consequences. These consequences in the very worst case scenario can include death, in case a serious and incurable disease has been transmitted.

“ **BitePRO™ Arm Guards** can effectively help protect these professionals from physical injury, risk of infection and soft tissue damage.

Highly experienced professionals from around the world have made clear to us that human bites are relatively frequent in their work environment, and many seek effective protection from the subsequent injuries. They have highlighted again and again that bite injuries can of course become infected and mental health care professionals could subsequently be contaminated with pathogens. Transmissions of potentially life threatening viruses, such as Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or HIV are also a part of reality.

Looking at the potential and realistic consequences, we must look at all possible options in order to help protect health care professionals from such harm.

There is no question in my mind, **BitePRO™ Arm Guards** can effectively help protect these professionals and reduce the risk of workplace violence related injuries. They are, without question, a very effective approach to improve the individual's personal safety and reduce the danger of severe injuries and infections.

This type of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has recently been issued to a number of mental health care nurses and specialised care workers and teachers in countries around the world.

- **A padded version of their ever so popular Version 1 arm guard model is also available, effectively helping to reduce the severity of bruising.**
- **BitePRO™ Arm Guards are the global market leader due to its exceptional quality and durability.**
- **Certain BitePRO™ Arm Guards models are also available in red, blue and light grey colour. Standard colour is black.**
- **Products can be shipped from the UK, Canada or U.S. office.**

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