



Saskatchewan Health Authority

Procedure

Saskatoon & Area - Occupational Health & Safety

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Title: Physical Hazard: Lasers

Saskatchewan Employment Act: 5-7 to 5-10

OHS Regulation:

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Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to establish the processes to follow to ensure safe work practices during laser use

Procedure

- Worker reports a laser hit to manager/supervisor
- Worker reports laser hit to the Safety Alert System/Incident Reporting Line
- Worker proceeds to Saskatoon City Hospital Emergency Department. If the incident occurs after SCH Emergency Department hours, worker proceeds to the nearest Emergency Department and request the Ophthalmology Resident on call as it is **imperative that the worker be assessed within 24 hours of the laser exposure incident**
- Post exposure follow up will be as directed by the Ophthalmologist or Ophthalmology Resident

Non-Compliance/Breach:

Non-compliance with this policy will result in a review of the incident. A review for non-compliance may result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination of employment or privileges; fines and /or prosecution of individuals under the Saskatchewan Employment Act and OHS Regulations.

References

- SHA Laser Safety Policy <https://documentfinder.saskhealthauthority.ca/en>

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