



Policy

Saskatoon & Area - Occupational Health & Safety

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Title: Other Hazards: Anaesthetic Gases

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OHS Regulation: 476

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Purpose

- To ensure awareness of anaesthetic gases that may require department specific policies and procedures
- To ensure the safe handling and transportation of anaesthetic gases

Roles and Responsibilities

Employer must ensure:

- An effective waste anaesthetic gas scavenging system to collect, remove and dispose of waste anaesthetic gases and vapours
- A ventilation rate of 15 air changes per hour, where reasonably practicable
- Safe work practices and procedures are established to eliminate or reduce the concentration of anaesthetic gases and vapors in the room

Manager/Supervisor must ensure:

- That roles and responsibilities of all workers are being met, as well as applicable legislation and/or standards
- Safe work procedures are written and followed
- Workers are trained in the safe work practices and procedures
- The waste anaesthetic gas scavenging system and the equipment used to administer anaesthetic gases are maintained

Worker must ensure:

- They are trained in and follow the safe work procedures
- They are trained in and use any PPE required (selection, use, care and handling)
- They report to their supervisor and the Safety Alert System/Incident Report Line any incidents or near misses
- They inspect all anaesthetic gas equipment for leakage before each use and at least weekly

Orientation & Training

- Site specific training on safe work procedures for handling anaesthetic gases

Materials

- Appropriate PPE if required

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.

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