



Biological Hazard Standard

1.0 PURPOSE

This standard supports the Hazard/Aspect Controls Policy and specifies the requirements for employee awareness and protection from biological hazards.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

2.1 Biological Hazards

Term applied to organisms or products of organisms that present a health risk to humans.

3.0 METHOD / PRACTICE

- Where a hazard/aspect and risk assessment identifies that an employee may be exposed to a biological hazard, the employee shall be provided with information concerning the biological hazard and if required, a procedure shall be developed, in order to eliminate or minimize exposure.
- If a procedure is required, it shall:
 - be documented;
 - identify employees that may be exposed;
 - describe organism's route of entry into the body;
 - describe signs and symptoms of any disease that may arise;
 - identify infection control measures and limitations, which may include vaccination, engineering controls, personal protective equipment, safe work practices, procedures for handling a spill or exposure;
 - investigate exposure incidents;
 - describe the information given to employees to elevate awareness.
- Employees that may be exposed to biological hazards shall be informed of all control measures.

4.0 REFERENCES

- Saskatchewan
 - The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996
 - The Public Health Act, 1994
- SaskPower (Located on SafetyNet)
 - Hazard/Aspect Controls Policy
 - Safe Work Practice: Biosecurity for Personnel Entering Livestock Facilities
 - Safe Work Practice for Cleaning Work areas Contaminated with Biological Hazard
 - Safe Work Practice for Accessing / Entering Land Where a Biohazard may Exist
 - SaskPower Complete List of Hazards
- Third Party
 - Chemical and Biological Substances Guide