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HEALTHCARE

Hazardous Drug Handling

DESCRIPTION

Potentially harmful exposure can occur when employees handle or work around hazardous drugs. These drugs not only include what we traditionally think of hazardous - antineoplastic cytotoxic medications and anesthetics, but other common medications dispensed to our residents. Exposure occurs during manufacturing and packaging, receiving, preparation and administration, and cleaning and disposal activities. As Hazardous drugs can cause serious acute and chronic health effects, the legislature passed a bill in 2011 requiring Labor and Industries (L & I) to set requirements to protect workers who handle chemotherapy and other hazardous drugs. This session will provide you helpful information that can begin to help prepare you for the 3-phase rule implementation that starts on January 1, 2015.