
Just the Facts...

Bloodborne Pathogens – Written Exposure Control Plan

Publication

To comply with 29 CFR 1910.1030, organizations must develop a written exposure control plan designed to prevent or minimize occupational exposures. This plan may be a separate document or part of an existing document, such as the unit's safety regulation.

If the exposure control plan is part of an existing program document, the organization should develop and publish a policy letter to state the goals of the exposure control plan and inform personnel where they can obtain a copy of the plan.

Review and Update

Organizations must review and update their exposure control plan at least annually and whenever necessary to reflect new or modified tasks with occupational exposure, introduction and use of new technology (e.g., safer sharps devices) designed to minimize risk, and MOSs and job classifications with occupational exposure.

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Organizations must include the following in the written exposure control plan:

- Documentation of the exposure determinations. (See the fact sheet entitled "Bloodborne Pathogens - Exposure Determination, Job Hazard Analysis and Accidents and Exposure Incidents.")
- A schedule and method of implementation for the elements of the program. This may be accomplished by annotating a copy of the OSHA Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.
- Procedures for evaluating accidents and exposure incidents. (See the fact sheet entitled "Bloodborne Pathogens - Exposure Determination, Job Hazard Analysis and Accidents and Exposure Incidents.")

For further details, see USACHPPM TG 190.