

SWAB MASTER LTD.

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OH&S CODE REVIEW

Part 4 Chemical Hazards,
Biological Hazards and
Harmful Substances

Health assessments for workers exposed to asbestos, silica or coal dust

... continued from last month

41(2) The exposure control plan must include at least the following:

- (a) a statement of purpose and of the responsibilities of individuals;
- (b) methods of hazard identification, assessment and control;
- (c) worker education and training;
- (d) safe work practices if these are required by the hazard assessment under this Code;
- (e) descriptions of personal and work site hygiene practices and decontamination practices;
- (f) processes of health monitoring, including biological testing;
- (g) methods of documentation and record keeping;
- (h) procedures for maintenance of the plan, including annual reviews and updating.

41(3) A worker must follow the exposure control plan and practice the personal and work site hygiene practices established by the employer to minimize lead exposure at the work site.



SAFETY MANUAL REVIEW

WILDLIFE PROCEDURES

INSECTS

MOSQUITOS

West Nile (WN) virus is a mosquito-borne virus. Mosquitoes transmit the virus after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds which carry the virus. For most Canadians, the risk of illness from West Nile virus is low, and the risk of serious health effects is even lower. Nevertheless, it is important to know the symptoms of illness related to infection and how to minimize your risk, especially if virus activity is reported in an area near you.

BEES & WASPS

It is important to be prepared for any possible effects from an insect sting, whether it happens at work or at home. Generally, most stings will only result in a temporary injury - ***pain, swelling, and skin redness around the sting***. However, sometimes the effects can be more severe - even life-threatening, depending on where you are stung and what ***allergies*** you have. If you are stung in the throat area of your neck, it may cause edema (swelling caused by fluid build-up in the tissues) around the throat and may make it difficult to breathe. Remember, if you are startled or stung by a bee or wasp while you are driving, working with power tools or machinery, or are on a ladder, you could end up getting injured with much more than a sting!

NORTHERN SCORPION

In Canada, the northern scorpion is found only in the very dry and hot valleys of BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. This little critter is your typical small, blondish scorpion, but no more dangerous to humans than bees or wasps. Their venom is mild, ***but allergic reactions are possible from any venom***.

SPIDERS

Hazardous spiders that are native to our area include the black widow and the brown recluse (violin or fiddler spider). Both bites are treatable. Symptoms of both spider bites are severe pain at bite site after about four hours, severe itching, nausea, vomiting, fever, and myalgia (muscle pain). If left un-treated the brown recluse bite can lead to ***necrosis*** and the black widow venom may lead to ***paralysis or death***.

GIANT WATER BUG

The Giant Water Bug is a common inhabitant of ponds, marshes and slow moving waterways. When an unsuspecting aquatic insect or small vertebrate (frog, tadpole or small fish) swims to close the Bug seizes it with its hooked front legs and plunges its beak into the prey's body, injecting digestive fluids. A short while later the prey's innards are liquefied and the Bug sucks out the "soup" leaving an empty husk. Giant Water Bugs can fly and are attracted to light. Caution should be used when handling them as ***they can inflict a painful bite***. It is Alberta's largest aquatic insect.

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**Safety is as
simple as ABC...**

**... Always Be
Careful!**

COMPANY NEWS

- ***2018 Safety Audit - 98% - Great Work!***
- Assigned Emergency Response Drills should be submitted for APRIL
- When a deficiency is found on **ANY** inspection, it should be noted on an Opportunity Report and followed up accordingly.
- Please ensure all Kilometer / Fuel Reports are submitted on the 15th of the following month.
- MAY Safety Focus - Wildlife Procedures (Insects)
The critters are coming back!
- GOAL OF THE MONTH:
 - ***2 Opportunity Reports***

THE LAST LAUGH



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