

Safe Working Practices for Handling Chlorine

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OBJECTIVE

Van Anda Improvement District (VAID) cares about the safety and well-being of employees and recognizes the risks inherent handling chlorine. This policy is in place to protect employees from serious injury or loss of life and describes the responsibilities and actions to be taken to protect employees when they work in these conditions.

A Safe Working Practices for Handling Chlorine Policy is used to help try to limit the number of injuries or illnesses that result in a lost time accident suffered by a worker or other person(s) in/around the workplace.

POLICY

VAID shall take all reasonably practicable steps to reduce, eliminate, or control identified and potential risks to workers who handle chlorine.

RESPONSIBILITIES

VAID:

- Identify chlorine handling hazards in the workplace and take the necessary steps to protect workers.
- Develop and implement safe work procedures to eliminate or reduce the identified risks to workers handling chlorine.
- Ensure that workers comply with the safe work procedures.
- Review and revise the procedures not less than every three years or sooner if circumstances at a workplace change in a way that poses a risk to the safety or health of a worker handling chlorine.

Supervisors:

- Ensure employees follow the safe work procedures set out by the employer.

Employees:

- Must wear face protection and eye protection if the worker is in an area of the workplace where one or more hazards involving the face exist, or are created, due to conditions in the area or the activities conducted in it.
- If there is a danger of injury, contamination or infection to a worker's hands, arms, legs, or torso, the worker must wear properly fitting protective equipment appropriate to the work being done and the hazards involved.

POLICY

- The space is properly ventilated.
- Take reasonable care/precautions to look after their own health and safety.
- Safeguard the health and safety of other people affected by their work.
- Cooperate and comply with the health and safety procedures set out by the employer.
- Evaluate risk and apply appropriate actions.
- Report any accidents, injuries, near misses, and other dangerous occurrences.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all VAID employees and contractors doing work for VAID handling chlorine.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

- Policy P-21 Occupational Health and Safety
- Worksafe BC Safe Work Practices for Chlorine

FORMS

- Policy Agreement Form