

Pacific Pandemic

Forum for Business

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Key Messages from WorkSafeBC

In Developing Health Mitigation Strategies for the Workplace:

- Compliance is not a hindrance - it will help mitigate adverse impact
- Communication with partners and community
- Staying current is key

Compliance Is Not A Hindrance

WorkSafeBC Mandate

Mission Statement

Workers and workplaces safe and secure from injury, illness, and disease

Core Mandate

- **prevention**, rehabilitation, compensation

Enablers

- Law, regulation, and policy

Jurisdiction

- Occupational exposure to certain infectious diseases

Compliance Is Not A Hindrance

Regulatory Framework

Legal Obligations

- Workers Compensation Act

Section 115 – General duties of employers to ensure the well-being of workers

- OH & S Regulation

Section 6.34 – develop and implement an exposure control plan for bloodborne pathogen, or to other biohazardous material

Employers

Workers

Supervisors

Owners

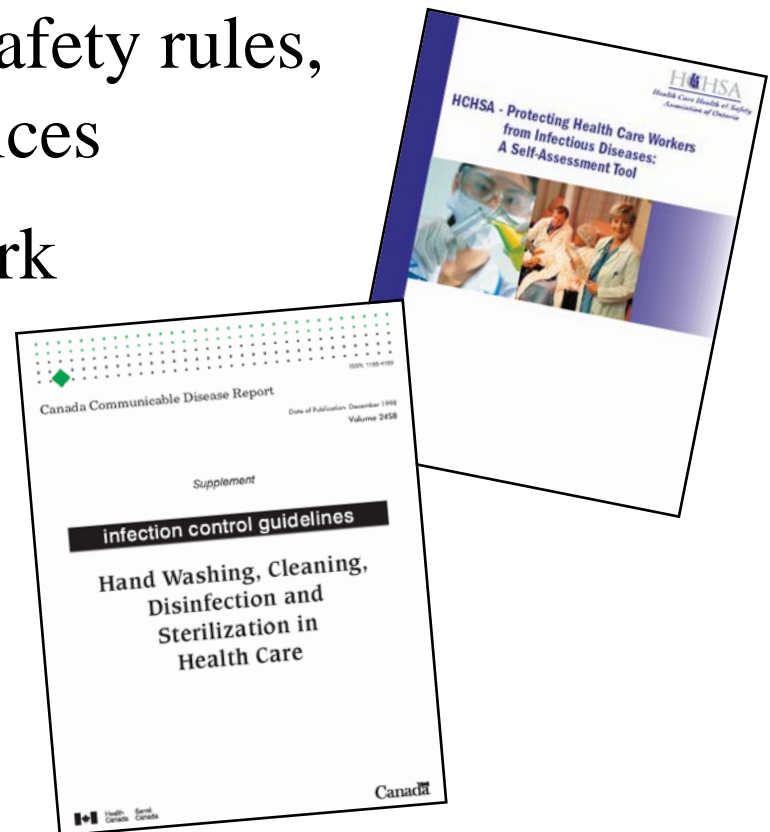
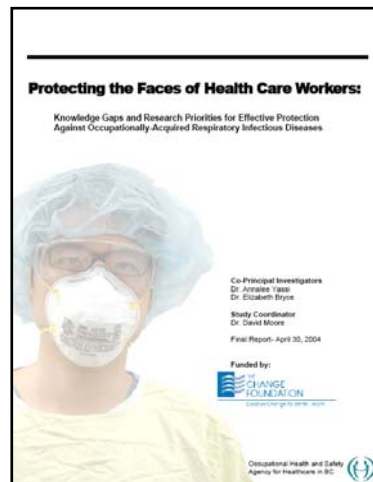
Suppliers

Directors & Officers

Compliance Is Not A Hindrance

Worker Responsibilities and Rights

- To learn, and apply safety rules, procedures and practices
- Refusal of unsafe work



Resources to assist employers

Compliance Is Not A Hindrance

Helpful Regulation requirements

Risk Assessment

REC principle:

- Recognition
- Evaluation
- Control

Foundation
for Planning

Compliance Is Not A Hindrance

Control Measures

Hierarchy of controls

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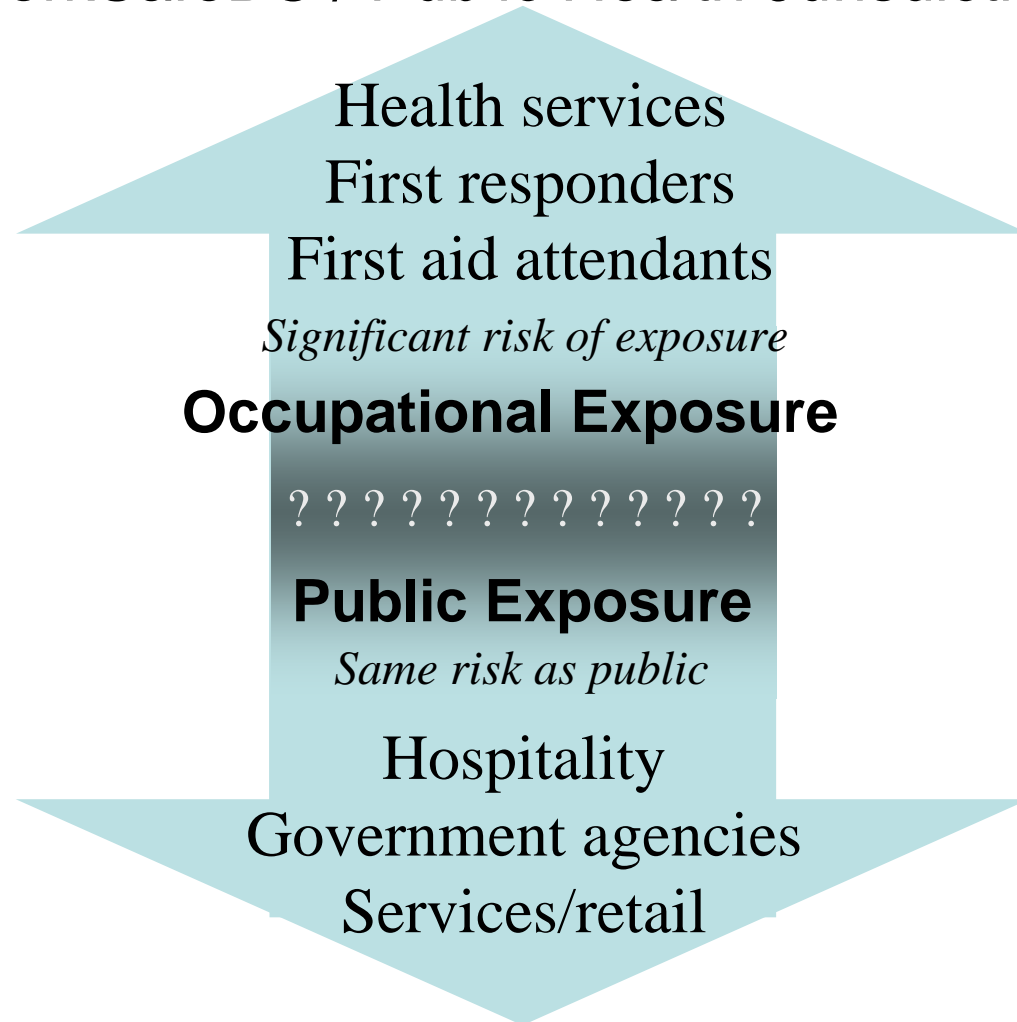
1. Engineering
2. Administrative
3. Personal protective equipment

Basic for exposure control plan

Overlapping Jurisdictions



WorkSafeBC / Public Health Jurisdiction



Public Health Jurisdiction

Communication

Building on the recent successful SARS and Avian Flu experiences saw the greatest level of collaboration and communication between regulatory agencies having overlapping jurisdiction.

Communication

Collaboration

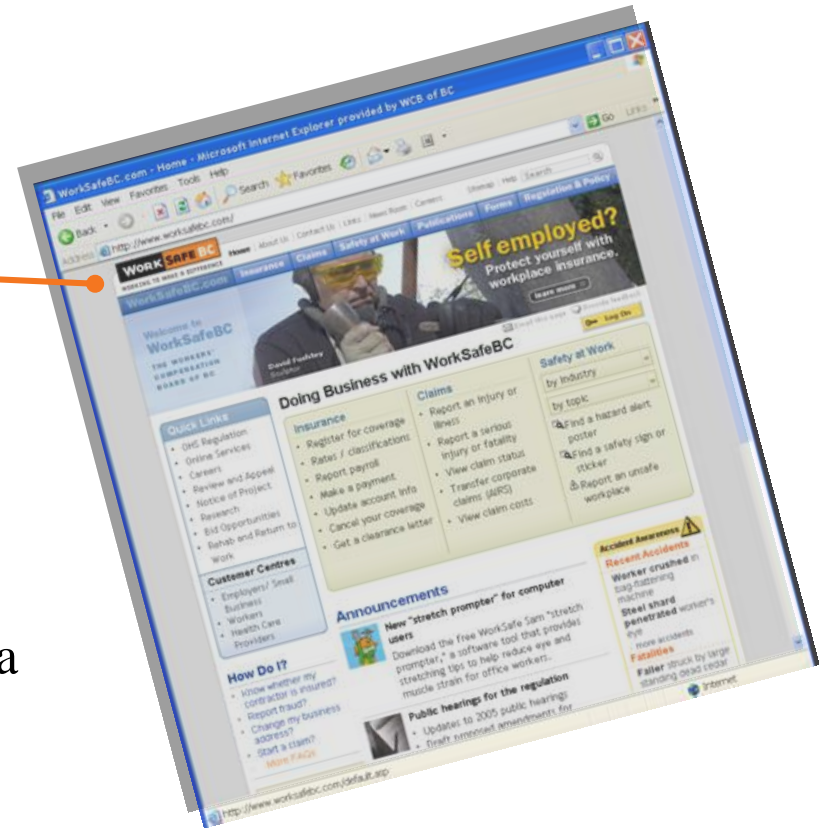
Coordination

Stay Current - Self-Serve or Direct

Remain current online

[WorkSafeBC.com](http://www.worksafebc.com)

- Linked to BC Centre for Disease Control
- With links to:
 - World Health Organization
 - Public Health Agency of Canada
 - Occupational Health & Safety Agency for Healthcare in BC
 - And many others



Prevention information line:
604 276-3100 Lower Mainland
1 888 621-7233 toll-free within B.C.

Mitigation Strategies

Compliance will help, not hinder

- Plan, develop, execute

Jurisdictional collaboration

- Sharing information = Fewer mixed messages to employers

Stay current

- Information from agencies is fluid now, but will solidify over time