

Safety Meetings are important!

They: get your employees actively involved
encourage safety awareness
help identify problems before they become accidents
motivate employees to follow proper safety procedures

We are happy to provide you with a monthly topic for your agenda.

**ROUTE TO:**

- General Manager
- Safety Coordinator
- Supervisor Dept. _____
- Other _____
- Date of Meeting _____

Bloodborne Pathogens

Did you know that if you have a first aid responder then you must have a Bloodborne Pathogen Program?

The Bloodborne Pathogen Standard covers many types of employees, from health care workers to first aid responders, that may be exposed to bloodborne pathogens or other potentially infectious material (like COVID-19).

First aid responders may experience "occupational exposure" to pathogens. OSHA defines occupational exposure as "reasonably anticipated contact" (with blood or other potentially infectious materials) while performing their stated duties. However, employees who are not designated first aiders who perform unanticipated "Good Samaritan" acts are excluded from coverage by the standard since such an action does not constitute "occupational exposure", as defined above.

In order to reduce or eliminate the hazards of occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens, an employer must develop a Bloodborne Pathogen Program, which includes:

- *Employee Protection Measures
- *Engineering and Work Practice Controls
- *Personal Protective Equipment
- *Medical Surveillance
- *Hepatitis B Vaccinations
- *Employee Training

and other provisions as required by OSHA's Bloodborne Pathogens Standard ([29 CFR 1910.1030](#)).

The GAWDA Safety Committee has published proposed guidelines for the bloodborne pathogen program for welding distributors and fill plants. The guideline may be found on the GAWDA website in the Members Only section under [Sample Safety Practices/Bloodborne Pathogen Program \(9/2020\)](#).



CGA Posters

CGA publishes guidance on the safe filling and handling of our gaseous and liquid hazardous materials. This month they have published safety posters. They have a Dry Ice Safety Poster that is free to all and they have Home Oxygen, Liquid Nitrogen and Medical Oxygen Safety posters free to companies that subscribe to the GAWDA CGA Subscription Program. (The program application instructions are on the [GAWDA website](#), under the Resources tab.)

The posters NOW available through the CGA website.

Dry Ice Safety Poster: <http://www.cganet.com/dry-ice-safety/>

Home Oxygen Safety: <https://www.cganet.com/home-oxygen-safety/>

Liquid Nitrogen Safety: <https://www.cganet.com/liquid-nitrogen-safety/>

Medical Oxygen Supply: https://www.cganet.com/wp-content/uploads/CGA-Poster_Medical-Oxygen-Supply_Cylinder_11x17.pdf

If you have any questions regarding the program or if you should have a program, please feel free to contact me, my contact information is listed at the bottom of this article.

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