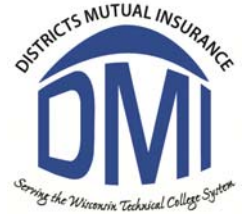


WTCS Risk & Loss Control Committee Recommendation for Compressed Gas Cylinder & Flammable Storage Cabinet

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NOTE: The WTCS Risk & Loss Control Committee meets quarterly to assist in developing minimum recommendations regarding environmental, health and safety policies. One such recommendation is provided below and is being forwarded to the WTCS Risk Managers as a resource for their respective District

Identified concern:

Non-compliance with OSHA and Department of Commerce codes which requires an proper storage of compressed gas cylinders as well as appropriate use of flammable storage containers in the workplace.

WTCS Risk & Loss Control Committee Recommendations:

It is the recommendation of the WTCS Risk and Loss Control Committee (hereafter referred to as the "Committee") that the Safety/Loss Prevention/Risk Management program of each Technical College develop and implement an effective safety plan for the safe storage of Compressed Gas Cylinders (1910.253) as well as follow NFPA (30) for the appropriate use of Flammable Storage Cabinets (1910.106) as required by Department of Commerce, Chapter 32.

To assist in this recommendation, the committee recommends that Districts not yet having such safety plans, utilize the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Compressed Gas Cylinders eTool, available on their website at: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/compressedgasequipment/index.html> This eTool has an option to build/create an Emergency Action Plan online. Districts may choose to use comparable documents/programs. The goal is for all Districts to be implementing effective safety plans for Compressed Gas Cylinders and Flammable Storage Cabinets.

The intent of these safety plans is to provide workers with the knowledge of appropriate storage methods for compressed gas cylinders and use of flammable storage cabinets. In order to meet this intent, program elements include:

1. Understanding of applicable standards,
2. Understanding of what compressed gasses are and their hazards,
3. Appropriate/safe storage of cylinders and flammable items,
4. A means of self audits for compliance
5. Employee training.

Any questions on the above information, please contact the DMI Risk and Loss Control Consultant at: 414-403-9343 or tim@districtsmutualinsurance.com.

NOTE: Many WTCS Districts have in place a variety of policies/activities to address various environmental, health and safety programs. This information is intended to provide "guidance" and not strict policy as Districts look at their needs and dynamics. The subject information, and documents found on the Districts Mutual Insurance (DMI) website may be used to develop program requirements by other Districts, however, there is no guarantee of completeness or inclusion of all possible factors and situations present within each District. For questions, contact: Tim Greene, DMI Risk and Loss Control Consultant at tim@districtsmutualinsurance.com or (414) 403-9343.