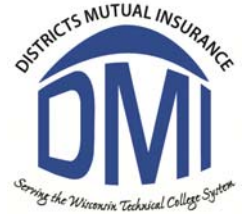


# WTCS Risk & Loss Control Committee Recommendation for Laser Safety

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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 a Laser Safety Plan for those workplace that have Lasers on property.

## **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 Laser Safety Plan, as required by Department of Commerce, Chapter 32.

To assist in this recommendation, the committee recommends that Districts not yet having such a program, utilize the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Laser Hazards eTool, available on their website at: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/laserhazards/index.html#etools>. This eTool has an option to build/create a Laser Safety Plan. Districts may choose to use comparable documents/programs. The goal is for all Districts to be implementing an effective Laser Safety Plan.

The intent of a Laser Safety Plan is to provide workers with a working knowledge for safe use/instruction associated with Lasers. In order to meet this intent, program elements include:

1. Understanding the OSHA, ANSI and AIHA Guidelines.
2. Laser Classifications and associated safety rules for each class.
3. Method and observation to detect lasers.
4. Understanding the Physical and Health Hazards of Lasers.
5. Appropriate use of Personal Protective Equipment.
6. Establish a Laser Safety Officer and deliver Training.

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