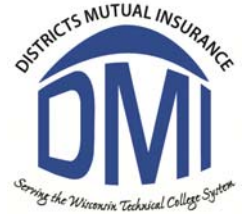


**WTCS Risk & Loss Control Committee**  
**Recommendation for**  
**Welding Safety**  
**(Including Hexavalent Chromium Standard)**

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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 Welding Safety Program including compliance with the Hexavalent Chromium Standard.

**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 develops and implement an effective Welding Safety Plan as required by OSHA Subpart Q (1930.251 to 1910.255) and 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 Welding Cutting and Brazing eTool, available on their website at: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/weldingcuttingbrazing/index.html#etools>. For information on Hexavalent Chromium eTool go to: <http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/hexavalentchromium/index.html>. These eTools have an option to build/create Welding and Hexavalent Chromium Safety Plans online. Districts may choose to use comparable documents/programs. The goal is for all Districts to be implementing an effective Welding Safety Plans.

The intent of a Welding Safety Plan is to provide workers with the knowledge of what actions they should take during an emergency. In order to meet this intent, program elements include:

1. Understanding the hazards and solutions associated with Welding, Cutting and Brazing,
2. Understanding of applicable standards,
3. Understanding of what Hexavalent Chromium is and potential health effects,
4. How to eliminate exposures,
5. Appropriate safeguarding and PPE.

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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.