

# **Health and Safety Policy**

## 1 SUMMARY

This practice recognises its obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 to take all reasonably practicable steps to provide a safe environment for workers and visitors at Doctors on Riccarton. This includes:

- Ensuring that all workers are aware of the policies laid out in this document
- Providing a safe working environment for workers and visitors
- · Providing appropriate facilities for workers to maintain their safety and health
- Ensuring that all equipment and instruments are safe to be used
- Minimising exposure of workers to hazards in the work place
- Working with contractors to ensue any introduced hazards are well managed
- Developing procedures for dealing with emergencies that might arise in the workplace
- Ensuring all officers of the business are actively involved in the workplace health and safety acting in the best interests of the PCBU

### 2 POLICY STATEMENT

## 2.1 Purpose

This policy outlines the Health and Safety protocols that will be followed by this practice. The policy should be read in conjunction with the policies on Infection Control, Incident Management, Emergency Management and guidelines supporting new worker orientation.

### 2.2 Background

Providing and maintaining good workplace health and safety is regarded as an investment in good business. Workers and visitors have the right to expect that the environment at Doctors on Riccarton will be safe. Good workplace health and safety aids business achievement through better productivity and better worker engagement.

The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015, and supporting regulations provide the current basis for these health and safety policies and procedures.

### 2.3 Scope

This policy applies to all people legally on the premises of Doctors on Riccarton including those not directly employed by the practice for example, mental health professionals, laboratory personnel, physiotherapist, contractors etc.

## 2.4 Responsibilities

Workplace safety at this practice is the primary responsibility of the PCBU. The Officers of this medical practice are accountable to ensure all health and safety requirements are met and will be supported by the Health and Safety Co-ordinator who will manage compliance with the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 by ensuring that the practice, its workers and other parties such as contractors comply with this policy.

Every worker has a duty to ensure their own safety and the safety of others. This means taking action to prevent harm to themselves or any other person. All workers are responsible for ensuring this policy is followed.

The designated Health & Safety Co-ordinator for Doctors on Riccarton is The Practice Manager and the Nurse Co-ordinator.

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### 2.5 Definitions & Abbreviations

Accident	an event that causes any person to be harmed, or in different circumstances, might have caused any person to be harmed
Contractor	means a person engaged (other than as an employee) by the general practice to do any work for gain or reward.
Hazard	an activity, arrangement, occurrence, process, behaviour, situation or substance that is an actual or potential source of harm.
HSWA	Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
Notifiable Event	is any of the following that arise from work:  a death a notifiable illness or injury or a notifiable incident. (See the appendix or WorkSafe NZ website for a full description)
Officer	anyone in a senior leadership position or with significant influence on the management of a PCBU is an officer. There can be more than one officer.
PCBU	a PCBU is a 'person conducting a business or undertaking'. The PCBU may a specific person, or the organisation. It may be a sole trader. In most cases, the PCBU is an organisation (in our context, the practice).
Workplace	means a place (whether or not within or forming part of a building, structure, or vehicle) where any person is to work or is working for gain or reward. This will generally be the general practice but may include the home of a patient when home visits take place.
Worksafe NZ	the group formally known as OSH at the Department of Labour

For an expanded list of definitions refer to Appendix 1.

### 2.6 Related Policies

- Infection Control Policy
- Incident Management Policy
- Emergency Management Policy
- Radiation Safety Plan
- Guidelines for new staff orientation

## 3 POLICY DETAIL AND PROCEDURES

Doctors on Riccarton is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy workplace for all workers, and to supporting workers to achieve this.

Doctors on Riccarton will take responsibility for health and safety procedures. At the same time, workers need to be aware of their responsibilities and comply with the business' health and safety policy.

Each worker is encouraged to play a vital and responsible role in maintaining a safe and healthy workplace through:

- Being involved in the workplace health and safety system.
- Complying with correct operational procedures.
- Wearing protective clothing and equipment as and when required.
- Reporting any pain or discomfort as soon as possible.
- Ensuring all accidents, incidents, illnesses, near misses and hazards are reported.
- Helping new workers and visitors understand the safety procedures and why they exist.
- Telling your manager/reporting immediately of any health and safety concerns.
- Keeping the work place tidy to minimise the risk of any trips and falls.

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### 3.1 Identification of Hazards and Risks

The process of identifying hazards will be done in a systematic fashion. A survey of the premises and medical centre activity will be carried out annually using the Audit Checklist - see Appendix 2.

All hazards that are identified will be assessed for risk (see Appendix 3) and will be recorded in the Hazard Risk Register maintained by the Health & Safety Co-ordinator. This will be kept up to date, with any new hazards to be added to the list as they are identified.

Each hazard will be risk assessed against the attached template and given a risk rating

Once identified each hazard is to be assessed to determine the level of significant of the Hazard – that is, whether the hazard is likely to lead to an accident or notifiable event. If it is assessed as being a significant hazard then one of the following two options will be used to manage it.

- Elimination of hazard (best option)
- Minimising the risk posed by hazard (e.g. wearing protective equipment when taking nasopharyngeal swab)

If the nature of the hazard is minor and easily rectified then this will be annotated on the schedule and appropriate action taken.

The Risk Register will be reviewed yearly to determine if the hazards still exists and whether the level of significance has changed.

#### 3.2 Hazardous Materials and Substances

A list of hazardous materials, chemicals and substances used in this medical centre will be maintained. Workers who use these materials/substances will be made aware of the risks, and will know how to handle them safely and what treatment may be required in the event of exposure. (Appendix 4 contains a list of substances commonly found in a medical centre).

Warning signs will be displayed at the storage site of hazardous chemicals.

The phone number for the National Poisons Centre in Dunedin is (03) 477 0509, to be used if there are any concerns about inappropriate exposure to hazardous materials.

## 3.3 Accidents and near misses

All accidents and near misses are to be recorded in Incident Register which is maintained by the H & S coordinator. All accidents and near misses will be investigated by the practice's H & S co-ordinator and reviewed by the officers within 10 working days of the accident or near miss.

## 3.4 Notifiable events

When a notifiable event occurs as a result of a workplace accident the H & S Co-ordinator will immediately report the notifiable event to Worksafe New Zealand on 0800 030 040 (available 24/7). Notifiable events are defined in the appendix to this policy.

Notifiable events will also be recorded in the practice's Incident register and because of the seriousness of the event will reported to the practice's PHO (Pegasus Health).

## 3.5 First Aid Supplies

A basic first aid kit is kept on site in case an accident occurs when no clinical workers are available to assist. See appendix 5. All workers are made aware of the location of the first aid kit.

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## 3.6 Signs

Signs are provided when necessary to remind people of hazards, safety requirements and escape routes. They will be clear and visible at all times.

### 3.7 Contractors

Contractors will be made aware of any hazards that exist on the premises by the H & S Co-ordinator or, when not available, their delegate. All contractors will be assessed and inducted into the business and will be required to complete a Contractors Agreement (see Appendix 6).

## 3.8 Employee Training

All new workers are required to read this Health and Safety policy together with appendices and to then sign an acknowledgement to confirm this – See Appendix 7. The orientation process will include instruction on emergency exits, fire alarms and assembly points, fire extinguishers (their positions and how to use them), safety equipment, first aid kit, and the use and location of protective clothing and equipment. Familiarity with the Hazard Risk Register and procedural requirements for recording accidents and incidents will also form part of the new worker training.

All training shall be documented including on the job training.

#### 3.9 Stress

The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA) covers the condition of stress as an impact on health and safety in the work place. There are numerous factors that can lead to this problem, many of which may stem from conditions outside the working environment.

When a worker considers that are suffering from stress they have a responsibility to immediately report their concern to their manager.

It is Doctors on Riccarton's responsibility to take appropriate steps to mitigate the risk which may include insisting that the worker take leave or undertake other appropriate measures.

## 3.10 Smoke-Free Workplace

Doctors on Riccarton acknowledges its obligations under the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990. We will take all reasonably practicable steps to ensure that smoking does not take place within the practice environment. The Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 sets out the process for making a complaint if there is a breach of this policy.

## 3.11 Workplace Harassment and Bullying

Doctors on Riccarton will not tolerate harassment or bullying. All complaints of harassment or bullying will be taken seriously, investigated and dealt with according to Worksafe guidelines. Harassment can be any form of attention which is not invited or enjoyed, and which persists to the point of making the person subject to it annoyed, uncomfortable or upset. It can be sexual or racial in nature.

WorkSafe NZ guidelines define workplace bullying as "repeated and unreasonable behaviour directed towards a worker or a group of workers that creates a risk to health and safety." To be classified as bullying, behaviour must meet all three criteria: it must be unreasonable, repeated, and a risk to health and safety. One-off incidents, low level workplace conflict, and reasonable management actions are not considered bullying.

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## 3.12 Cell Phone Use when Driving

All workers, who are driving whilst acting for the medical centre, will use a hands-free kit for placing or receiving phone calls on a mobile phone. If none is available then calls will not be answered. Reading or replying to text messages is also forbidden while driving.

#### 4 REFERENCES

- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 (HSWA)
- Health and Safety Regulations 2016
- Ministry or Business, Innovation and Employment
- Worksafe New Zealand

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### 5 APPENDICES

### **APPENDIX 1 – Definition of Terms**

- 1. Worksafe New Zealand states that a step is practicable if it is possible or capable of being done. Whether a step is reasonable takes into account
  - The nature and severity of injury or harm that might occur;
  - The degree of risk or probability that injury or harm will occur
  - How much is known about the hazard and ways of eliminating, isolating or minimising the hazard; and
  - · The availability of costs and safeguards

The degree of risk and severity of potential injury or harm must be balanced against the cost and feasibility of the safeguard. The cost of providing a safeguard has to be measured against the consequences of failing to do so. It is not simply a question of whether a medical centre can afford to provide these safeguards: where there is a risk of serious or frequent injury or harm, then the greater cost to provide these safeguards might be reasonable.

- 2. The practice's Health & Safety Co-ordinator can be a doctor, nurse, manager, administrator or receptionist. There is an overlap with Infection Control policies so a nurse may be better suited to this task.
- 3. Worksafe New Zealand defines that a 'notifiable event' is any of the following events that arise from work:
  - a death
  - a notifiable illness or injury or
  - a notifiable incident.

Only serious events are intended to be notified. These trigger requirements to preserve the site, notify the regulator and keep records.

The notifiable incident, illness, injury or death must arise out of the conduct of the business or undertaking. It could be due to the condition of the work site, the way the work activity is organised, or the way equipment or substances are used.

Notifiable events may occur inside or outside the actual work site.

Deaths, injuries or illness that are unrelated to work are not notifiable events eg:

- a diabetic worker slipping into a coma at work
- a worker being injured driving to work in his or her private car when the driving is not done as part of their work
- injuries to patients or rest home residents that are triggered by a medical reason (eg injuries from a fall caused by a stroke)
- a worker fainting from a non-work related cause.

#### A notifiable injury or illness, in relation to a person, means—

- (a) any of the following injuries or illnesses that require the person to have immediate treatment (other than first aid):
  - (i) the amputation of any part of his or her body;
  - (ii) a serious head injury;
  - (iii) a serious eye injury;
  - (iv) a serious burn;
  - (v) the separation of his or her skin from an underlying tissue (such as degloving or scalping);
  - (vi) a spinal injury;

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- (vii) the loss of a bodily function;
- (viii) serious lacerations;
- (b) an injury or illness that requires, or would usually require, the person to be admitted to a hospital for immediate treatment:
- (c) an injury or illness that requires, or would usually require, the person to have medical treatment within 48 hours of exposure to a substance;
- (d) any serious infection (including occupational zoonoses) to which the carrying out of work is a significant contributing factor, including any infection that is attributable to carrying out work:
  - (i) with micro-organisms; or
  - (ii) that involves providing treatment or care to a person; or
  - (iii) that involves contact with human blood or bodily substances; or
  - (iv) that involves handling or contact with animals, animal hides, animal skins, animal wool or hair, animal carcasses, or animal waste products; or
  - (v) that involves handling or contact with fish or marine mammals:
- (e) any other injury or illness declared by regulations to be a notifiable injury or illness for the purposes of this section.

A **notifiable incident** is where someone's health or safety is seriously endangered or threatened. This is generally an unplanned or uncontrolled incident in relation to a workplace that exposes the health and safety of workers or others to a serious risk arising from immediate or imminent exposure to:

- a substance escaping, spilling, or leaking
- an implosion, explosion or fire
- gas or steam escaping
- a pressurised substance escaping
- electric shock (from anything that could cause a lethal shock, for example it would not include shocks
  due to static electricity, from extra low voltage equipment or from defibrillators used for medical reasons)
- the fall or release from height of any plant, substance, or thing
- damage to or collapse, overturning, failing or malfunctioning of any plant that is required to be authorised for use under regulations
- the collapse or partial collapse of a structure
- the collapse or failure of an excavation or any shoring supporting an excavation
- the inrush of water, mud, or gas in workings in an underground excavation or tunnel
- the interruption of the main system of ventilation in an underground excavation or tunnel
- a collision between two vessels, a vessel capsize, or the inrush of water into a vessel
- any other incident declared in regulation to be a notifiable incident, for example those listed in:
- regulation 6 of the Health and Safety At Work (Asbestos) Regulations 2016
- Schedule 5 of the Health and Safety At Work (Mining Operations and Quarrying Operations) Regulations 2016
- regulation 33 of the Health and Safety At Work (Major Hazard Facilities) Regulations 2016
- regulation 70 of the Health and Safety at Work (Petroleum Exploration and Extraction) Regulations 2016.

A **notifiable incident** also covers the incidents specified above which may have only resulted in minor (non-notifiable) injuries but had the potential to cause serious injury, illness or death.

Definitions of **notifiable illness or injury** and **notifiable incident** will follow Worksafe NZ standards - <a href="http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/all-guidance-items/hswa-fact-sheets/what-events-need-to-be-notified">http://www.business.govt.nz/worksafe/information-guidance/all-guidance-items/hswa-fact-sheets/what-events-need-to-be-notified</a>

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### 4. Common types of hazards

These notes can be used to help identify and assess hazards that might occur in a workplace (source = Worksafe New Zealand).

#### Chemical hazards

Chemicals can affect the skin by contact or the body either through the digestive system or through the lungs if air is contaminated with chemicals, vapour, mist or dust. There can be an acute (immediate) effect, or a chronic (medium to long-term) effect from the accumulation of chemicals or substances in or on the body.

#### Noise hazards

Excessive noise can disrupt concentration, interfere with communication, and result in loss of hearing. High impact noises are particularly damaging. Noise can also mask out signals, affecting communication or danger warnings.

#### Radiation hazards

Equipment such as the X-ray machine, radioactive gauging devices or the radioactive trace element used in analytical chemistry produce lonising radiation. Non-ionising radiation covers infrared radiation (heat-producing processes), lasers, ultraviolet radiation (welding, sunlight), and microwaves (high-frequency welders, freeze drying).

#### Electrical hazards

These include the risk of injury from all forms of electrical energy.

## Lighting hazards

Inadequate lighting levels are a potential safety hazard. A common problem area is the reaction time needed for the eyes to adjust from a brightly lit to a darker environment — such as a forklift driver coming indoors from bright sunlight. Temporary lighting is often inadequate.

#### Vibration hazards

This includes whole-body vibration — for example, truck drivers, people standing on vibrating platforms, and operators of mobile equipment — and also more localised vibration effects from such equipment as hand tools, chainsaws, and pneumatic hammers.

#### Temperature hazards

Extremes of cold or heat can cause problems such as tiredness, vulnerability to infections or reduced capacity to work.

#### Biological hazards

These include insects, bacteria, fungi, plants, worms, animals and viruses. For example, poultry workers exposed to bird feathers and droppings to which they are allergic can contract a medical condition. Brucellosis is a well known problem in New Zealand associated with people handling meat and meat products infected with brucella. Hepatitis and the AIDS virus are other biological hazards.

#### Ergonomic hazards

Ergonomics (the 'fit' between people and their work) covers risk of injury from manual handling procedures, incorrectly designed desks or workstations, audio and visual alarms, and colour coding control mechanisms.

#### Physical hazards

These include a wide range of injury risks— as diverse as being caught in or by machinery, buried in trenches or hurt by collapsing machinery. This category also includes the hazards from working in confined spaces, being hit by flying objects, caught in explosions, falling from heights and tripping on obstacles.

#### Other hazards

Include stress, fatigue, the effects of shift work, and even assaults from other people.

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# **Appendix 2 Occupational Health and Safety Audit Checklist**

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# **Premises and Housekeeping**

	Item	Comment (things to pay special attention to)	✓ if met, ★ if action required (add comment)
1.1	Building and floors – clean and in good state of repair	No loose carpets, joins, tripping hazards, steps, hand rails, slippery surfaces, sharp edges, overhead obstacles.	<b>✓</b>
1.2	Good lighting; either natural or artificial	Particularly in key work areas for safe working.	✓
1.3	Adequate ventilation; natural or artificial		<b>√</b>
1.4	Occupational hygiene facilities	Sinks, hot and cold water in clinical rooms and areas, alcohol hand rub, staff rooms, toilet facilities for patients and staff.	<b>√</b>
1.5	Housekeeping and layout	Adequate aisles, escape routes, workspace. Ability to supply privacy needs of patient.	✓
1.6	Good stacking and storage facilities	Shelving is safe and containers secure. Sterile/clean material stored appropriately. Medication and restricted medicines in adequate storage.	✓
1.7	Area outside of premises is clean, tidy and free of hazards	Check surfaces, paths, gates for tripping hazards.	<b>√</b>
1.8	Rubbish removal adequate	Volume of rubbish should not be excessive.	✓
1.9	Removal and disposal of medically related items	Sharps containers (check not overfilled), biological waste, rubbish bins secure.	<b>✓</b>

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# Mechanical, Electrical and Personal Safeguarding

2.1	Handling and storage of compressed gases and liquid nitrogen	Large cylinders should be chained, have trolley available for moving, safe pouring decanting procedures for liquid nitrogen.	<b>✓</b>
2.2	Pressure vessels/autoclave test records		<b>√</b>
2.3	Portable electric equipment register in use and equipment tagged	A book would suffice. Electrical certification should be up to date.	Electrical Testing Completed by Meditest
2.4	Ergonomic factors	Computer stations for doctors, nurses and receptionists. Check for excessive lifting, stretching, reaching or repetitive tasks.	<b>✓</b>
2.5	Head, eye, hand, face protection	Protective goggles. Masks, aprons, gloves.	<b>√</b>
2.6	Notices, pictograms and signs	Fire exit, no entry, fire extinguishers, toilet signs, notice to alert of hazards where present.	<b>✓</b>

# **Fire Protection and Prevention**

3.1	Correct number and types of apparatus	In accordance with fire regulations	✓
3.2	Fire extinguishers clearly marked, valid date and accessible	Check inspection tag. Automatic Annual Review in October	Oct 2020 ✓
3.3	Functioning alarm system	When was it last tested?	Dec 2020 <b>✓</b>
3.4	Emergency planning in place and drill carried out	Fire drill records	Last Fire Drill 10 Dec 2020 ✔
3.5	Fire co-ordinator/warden appointed and aware of role	Last reviewed - 7/12/20	<b>✓</b>
3.6	Ensure no obstruction of emergency exits	Last reviewed - 7/12/20	✓

# **Accident Recording and Investigation**

4.1	Incident and event register in use	Inspect to verify.	✓
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# **Contractors**

6.1	All contractors have signed the practice's Contractor H & S Agreement prior to undertaking work	Standard agreement should be in place for all contractors	<b>✓</b>
6.2	All contractors have been advised of the any hazards that exist in the Practice		✓
6.3	Contractors have provided the practice with details of any hazards the contractor is introducing to the worksite as a result of the activity that the contractor is carrying out (and this is updated whenever any new hazards are introduced).		<b>✓</b>

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# Appendix 3 - Schedule of Hazards/Risks

# **Hazard Risk Register**

Date Assessed	Location	Hazard	Risk level	Likelihood	Eliminate or minimise	Control	Who will be responsible to action or F/U?
11/07/20	Whole Practice	Poor lifting technique leading to a back injury	Moderate	Occasional	Minimise	<ul> <li>Training needs analysis including lifting/manual handling</li> <li>Identify tasks that require lifting</li> <li>Seek assistance for heavy lifts</li> <li>Use adjustable electric bed in minor surgery room for patients who can't climb on fixed consult beds</li> <li>Refer to WorkSafe publication, Code of Practice for Manual Handling</li> </ul>	Nurse Co-ordinator
	Whole practice	Cigarette smoke	Low	Low		DOR has a smoke free policy. No staff smoke and patients smoke outside only	All staff
	Sluice/ Laundry Area Cupboards	Chemicals  Cleaning solutions	High	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Develop and review policy regularly</li> <li>Replace toxic chemicals with non-toxic substitutes if possible</li> <li>Store hazardous chemicals in locked cupboard</li> <li>Use with good ventilation</li> <li>Comply with The Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) Act 1996</li> </ul>	Nurse Co-ordinator
	Sluice/ Laundry Area Cupboards	Aerosols     Silicone CRC     Airwick     Raid ant killer     Robocan     Air brush	High	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Store away from sunlight and heat</li> <li>Use in well ventilated areas</li> <li>Store in hallway cupboard above the sink. This is an area for staff only.</li> <li>Do not puncture</li> <li>Keep out of reach of children</li> </ul>	Health and Safety Officer
	Sluice/ Laundry Area Cupboards	Solutions/powders/ sprays not in aerosols  No Ants solution  Mr Muscle window cleaner  Crystal clear window cleaner  Napisan Jiff No ants	High	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Store securely in cupboard above the sink</li> <li>Keep away from heat/ sunlight sources</li> <li>Not to be taken</li> <li>Never mix with other chemicals</li> <li>Keep containers upright</li> <li>Keep out of reach of children</li> </ul>	Health and safety officer

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Steriliser/ Drugs room	Aerosols     Instrucare     Aesculap	High	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Store away from sunlight and heat</li> <li>Use in well ventilated areas</li> <li>Store in steriliser room cupboard under the sink. This is an area for staff only.</li> <li>Do not puncture</li> <li>Keep out of reach of children</li> </ul>	Nurse Co-ordinator
Steriliser/ Drugs room	Solutions other than aerosols  Isopropyl alcohol Hydrogen peroxide Clinidet Clorodux bleach	High	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Store securely in cupboard under the sink</li> <li>Keep away from heat/ sunlight sources</li> <li>Not to be taken</li> <li>Never mix with other chemicals</li> <li>Keep containers upright</li> <li>Clinidet is kept on bench top and spare in cupboard under sink Keep out of reach of children</li> </ul>	Nurse Co-ordinator
Steriliser/ Drugs room	Silver nitrate	Low	Low	Minimise	<ul> <li>Store in drawer at room temperature</li> <li>Keep dry</li> <li>Protect from light</li> <li>Keep out of reach of children</li> </ul>	Nurse Co-ordinator
On bend in Steriliser room.	<ul><li>Cryotherapy</li><li>Liquid nitrogen</li></ul>	High	Low	Minimise	Stored in vacuum flask in steriliser room on the metal bench.     Keep secure with a bungee cord attached to the wall. This is an area for staff only.     Keep out of reach of children	Health and Safety Officer
Consult Room	Plaster removal saw - Excessive noise	High	Low	Minimise	Each person in the room when the plaster saw is working to wear ear muffs which are kept in the steriliser room with the plaster saw.	All clinical staff
Minor Surgery Room	Clinician Wheely Stool	Low	Low	Minimise	Keep stool in corner when not in use so no patient will sit on it inadvertently as it rolls on floor easily which can cause a person to fall off it.	All clinical staff
Xray Room	Xray Equipment	High	Low	Minimise	Maintain according to Radiation Safety Plan	Medical Radation Technologists and Health and Safety Officer

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# Appendix 4 - Commonly Used Hazardous Materials

- Acetic acid
- Acetone
- Alcohols; butyl alcohol, methanol, isopropranolol, ethylene glycol
- Ammonia solutions
- Bleaching agents
- Chloral hydrate
- Chloroform
- Citric acid
- Cytospray
- Formalin
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Iodine
- Liquid nitrogen
- Phenol
- Silver nitrate
- Paraffin liquid

Comply with all safety instructions hazardous substances as indicated on their containers

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# Appendix 5 - Contents of First Aid Kit

Packed by:Lynne Doubleday
Description
Aspirin tablets - 2
Crepe Bandage
Dressing pack - large
Dressing pack - small
Face mask
Gloves – disposable (2 pairs)
Mouth shield
Scissors

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## Appendix 6 - Engagement of Contractors

## **CONTRACTORS TO** Doctors on Riccarton

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES FOR:**

- Health and Safety
- Privacy and Confidentiality

#### THE CONTRACTOR WARRANTS THAT:

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY:**

- The contractor shall take all reasonable precautions in the provision of the services to ensure the contractor and its employees and/or subcontractors' safety and the safety of staff, patients and other visitors to the Doctors on Riccarton.
- 2. The contractor agrees to comply with the Health & Safety policies and procedures of Doctors on Riccarton and acknowledges it has been advised of the relevant workplace hazards already existent at the medical centre.
- 3. The contractor will make clear to the Health & Safety co-ordinator (or their deputy) at Doctors on Riccarton all hazards and risks introduced to the workplace as a result of the work to be carried out and will take all reasonably practicable steps to minimise or eliminate those risks. This includes placing appropriate signage, advising the practice manager of any risk or hazard to employees, patients or other visitors to the practice,
- 4. The contractor and its employees and/or subcontractors have the requisite skills, knowledge, and experience to carry out the required task(s) safely, including relevant qualifications and current registrations necessary to undertake the task.
- 5. The contractor is fully conversant and complies with:
  - The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 and other relevant legislation or regulations.
  - National Standards or Codes of Practice.

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- The contractor accepts responsibility for the supervision of its personnel to ensure that they strictly adhere to all applicable safety requirements.
- 7. The contractor has appointed one of its personnel as its safety advisor, and that person is responsible for coordinating all applicable health and safety matters.
- 8. The contractor has adequate insurance cover to indemnify the practice for any damage or loss caused by the contractor, or any penalties the practice may incur as a consequence of the contractor, his employee or subcontractor failing to meet the expected Health and Safety standards for the task involved.

## PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY:

- 1. The contractor and its staff and/or subcontractors agree not to use or disclose to anyone any confidential information which they may come across in the course of this contract, or which belongs to or concerns the medical centre, its business, employees or patients or other people with whom it has relationships. For the purposes of this acknowledgement, "confidential information" means any information, which is not known to the public generally and includes patient notes, health information and personal information.
- 2. These confidentiality provisions will continue to apply after termination of the contract.

Name: (please print)	 
Company Name:	 
Contact Ph No.	 Date:
Signature:	 

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APPENDIX 7 - Health & Safety Acknowledgement

# **Health & Safety Acknowledgement**

Staff working at this medical centre will be exposed to health and safety issues and have a responsibility toward their own safety and the safety of other people around them.

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I am familiar with the practice's Hazard and Risk Register which identifies health and safety risks affecting Doctors on Riccarton.

I acknowledge that I have a duty of care as a worker (or Officer) to take all practicable steps to ensure:

- my own safety at work; and
- That no action or inaction by myself while at work causes harm to any **other person**.

When suitable protective clothing or equipment is provided by the employer, I agree to use it.

I have been made aware of the requirements of the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015 as it relates to my employment at this practice.

I know that I need to report all incidents (including accidents and near misses / good catches) to the practice's health and Safety co-ordinator so that they can be recorded in the practice's Incident Register for review and follow up action.

Name	Signature
Position	Date

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