

Q & A Safety Training 2011

1. Q: How long is bleach good for once the bottle is opened?

A: When bleach and water are mixed together to create a cleaning or disinfecting solution, the solution is only good for a 24 hours. The temperature of the water does not affect the cleaning or disinfecting abilities of the solution. After 24 hours, the solution begins to lose its disinfecting strength. Most bleach products do not list an expiration date though they will list a production date. Bleach can be stored for 6 months at room temperature (50 – 70 degrees) from the time of production. At this time, bleach will begin to degrade at 20% per year until totally degraded to salt and water. Note: 1 part bleach to 9 parts water is a typical concentration for a disinfection solution.

2. Q: Do eyeglasses currently being produced have the same eye protection as safety glasses?

A: Prescription safety frames must be permanently marked with the manufacturer's trademark and "ANSI Z87-2" on the front of the frame and on both temples.

Non-prescription safety eyewear with non-removable lenses must be permanently marked with the manufacturer's trademark and "ANSI Z87" (basic impact) or "ANSI Z87+" (high impact) on either the front of the frame or on one temple.

3. Q: Would the Archdiocese pay for blood testing to check for lead levels?

A: If you feel you have been exposed to lead at your work site, contact the Benefits Services Office and speak with Cristy Macalalad with Workers Compensation. A Workers Compensation Claim will need to be filed, and Cristy will assist you with the steps.

4. Q: When do we use the respirator; how bad does it have to be?

A: The use of a respirator is determined through a Hazards Assessment. See appendix 9 of the Safety and Accident Prevention Program. If your program does not have this appendix, it can be downloaded from the following: <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Archdiocese/Property/Manual.aspx>

5. Q: Should we really be doing a job that requires a respirator?

A: Once a determination is made that a specific job requires the use of a respirator, the employee and supervisor should discuss the employee performing this job. Some parishes may find an economy with training an employee to perform certain activities that require the use of a respirator and other parishes may not. Contact the Office of Property and Construction Services if assistance is needed.

6. Q: How do I obtain a medical assessment needed to use a respirator?

A: Contact the Office of Property and Construction Services.

7. Q: Where can I obtain the Archdiocesan Blood Borne Pathogen Video?

A: Contact the Office of Property and Construction Services.

8. Q: How do I find the MSDS sheet for a specific product?

A: Contact the product distributor or search the manufactures website on the internet.

9. Q: How much of the Parish Safety and Accident Prevention program must a maintenance or janitorial employee review?

A: Each employee must read the base safety manual and appendix A-G. If an employee has job duties covered by the Appendix 1-13, the specific appendix is reviewed.