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SAFETY ALERT

First Aid Procedures and Equipment

Location: Province wide

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Description: In 2018, WorkSafeBC updated the first aid training procedures and the recommended first aid equipment. These changes are very positive and will generally improve and streamline the treatment and transport of injured workers.

However, the revisions may have created an opportunity for confusion at an incident. Attendants and helpers trained to the old standards may not be familiar with the new procedures and equipment. Contractors may not be aware of the revised equipment recommendations. An attendant trained to the new standard may not be familiar with some of the equipment from the previous standard.

Some example topics with revised procedures include conducting the Primary and Secondary Survey, assisting ventilations, dealing with spinal injuries, dealing with major bleeds, applying oxygen, packaging/transporting the patient and immobilizing fractures.

Some examples of revised equipment requirements are tourniquets, quick straps, Sam Splints, various oxygen masks, pulse oximeter, clam shell and revised basket stretchers.

Recommended Preventative Actions:

First aid attendants and contractors should review the new procedures and equipment recommendations. Crews with multiple first aid attendants should review procedures and equipment to ensure a standardized response to any incident.



Tourniquet



Clam

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