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Authority: WAC 296-62-500

**PURPOSE:**

This policy describes the facilities precautions when receiving hazardous drugs.

**SCOPE:**

All employees.

**POLICY:**

This facility will work with pharmacies to alert the facility if a drug is on the NIOSH Hazardous Drugs List. Preferably the pharmacy will alert the facility to which list the drug is on (1, 2, or 3). This alert will be on (check all that apply):

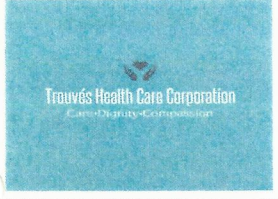
Medication Packaging

Packaging insert (When medications arrive in their original packaging from their manufacturer)

MAR or EMAR

The Personal Care Director/Director of Nursing (PCD/DON) will check all drugs coming into the facility against the list to ensure proper alerting and will label all hazardous drugs prior to storing or distributing. Hazard levels for labeling purposes are as follows:

1. **Green/No Label/Universal Precaution**- these drugs will be received, transported, handled, administered, and disposed of following normal precautions.
2. **Yellow/Low**- these drugs will be received, transported, handled, administered and disposed of wearing gloves and using appropriate engineering controls.



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- 3. **Orange/Moderate** – these drugs require gloves and a gown, eye and face protection (with liquid splash potential) when received, transported, handled, administered and disposed of, in additional to any necessary engineering controls.
- 4. **Red/High** – these drugs require double gloves, gown, eye and face protection when received, transported, handled, administered and disposed of, in additional to any necessary engineering controls.

A copy of this hazard key will be kept **in the MAR book and with the Hazardous Drug Control Program in the PCD/DON’s office.**

**EXCEPTIONS:**

No exceptions to this policy may be granted without the prior written approval of the Director.

**SUPERCEDES:**

None