



Animal Control Standard

1.0 PURPOSE

This standard supports the Hazard Control Policy and establishes consistent requirements for workers exposed to dogs and other animals.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

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3.0 METHODS / PRACTICE

3.1 Identify Hazards

- Hazards posed by animals shall be identified via a documented hazard identification and risk assessment. This includes:
 - Reviewing records of where aggressive animals are located.
 - Performing a site evaluation before entering property.
 - Identifying potential situations where animals may pose a hazard, such as.
 - Known location of potentially aggressive animals.
 - Any previous animal related incidents.
 - Employees who work alone.
 - Location of workplace (isolated location)

3.2 Control Methods

- Where possible aggressive animals shall be removed.
- The employee shall request that the animal be detained prior to entering the site.
- Where situations of potential animal related hazards are identified, employees and/or Work Groups that could be impacted shall be notified.
- Pre-contact controls and procedures include the following, where applicable:
 - Educational materials for the public on prevention and protection.
 - Communication to customers of animal control requirements.
 - Appropriate communication devices.
 - SaskPower supplied dog / animal personal protective equipment.
- Post-contact controls to reduce the impacts of animal related incidents and to ensure appropriate responses include processes to:
 - Provide medical attention, counselling and/or debriefing, as required.
 - Record information concerning animal related incidents.
 - Provide the information to employees who may be exposed to similar circumstances.
- Incidents shall be reported and investigated according to the Incident Management Process.
- Training and/or awareness shall be provided to employees who have been identified as at risk of animal related incidents.

The appropriate authorities shall be notified of any and all animal attacks.

4.0 REFERENCES

- Saskatchewan
 - *The Occupational Health and Safety Regulations, 1996*
- SaskPower (located on SafetyNet)
 - Hazard Control Policy
 - Safety Rule Book