



CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY INCIDENT ALERT

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“Could this happen here?”*

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT

Near Miss - Exposure to Hazardous Substance

Multiple contractors were working in one section of an apartment building. Workers were in the area spraying a hazardous substance.

Upon receipt of complaint, there was an investigation and it was identified that a poly work enclosure had been set up at the entrance to the work area but 2 full steel stud side walls were left open (unsealed). This allowed substances to free float to other areas of the building and allow workers to walk through a work area.



SUGGESTED ACTIONS

- Ensure documented coordination of work meetings take place with all contractors on a regular basis.
- Inspect enclosure control zones prior to approving work to proceed and on a regular basis thereafter, to ensure it is being maintained.
- Ensure all trades/workers/contractors on a project understand the hazard and the controls that should be in place while working adjacent to one another.
- Ensure that workers report any issues/concerns to their supervisor.

KEY TAKE AWAY

Ensure work enclosures fully encapsulate the hazardous work and all workers in the area are made aware of the hazards.

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