

## HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES MANAGEMENT

### POLICY STATEMENT

Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) is committed to compliance with the HSNO Act and associated regulations and in so doing protection of the environment and the health and safety of those, working within or affected by, its activities.

For the purpose of this policy, a "hazardous substance" is any substance that has one or more of the following intrinsic "hazardous properties":

- Explosiveness
- Flammability
- Ability to oxidise (accelerate a fire)
- Human toxicity (acute or chronic)
- Corrosiveness (to human tissue or metal)
- Ecotoxicity (with or without bioaccumulation)
- Capacity, on contact with air or water, to develop one or more of the above properties.

### EXCLUSIONS

- For the purposes of this policy hazardous substances does not include radioactive, ozone depleting and infectious or cytotoxic substances. Medicines in finished dose from are regulated under the Medicines Act.
- New Organisms (as described in the HSNO Act) are not included in this policy.

### REFERENCES

- Hazardous Substances (Classes 1 to 5 Controls) Regulations 2001
- Hazardous Substances (Classification) Regulations 2001
- Hazardous Substances (Emergency Management) Regulations 2001
- Hazardous Substances (Packaging) Regulations 2001
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Minimum Degrees of Hazard) Regulations 2001
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (HSNO) (Personnel Qualifications) Regulations 2001 and Amendments 2003 and 2004
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms (Tracking) Regulations 2001
- [Health and Safety at Work Act 2015](#) and [Regulations 2016](#)
- [Your guide to the Hazardous Substances & New Organisms Act, Ministry for the Environment, June 2001.](#)

### ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.1 Risk Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.3 Hazard Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.11 protocol 1 Hazardous Substances Management - Compliance
- Bay of Plenty District Health Board policy 5.1.11 Protocol 5 Cytotoxic Medications – Transport and Disposal

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