
**Province of British Columbia Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Reporting information affecting public health regulation. Order in Council No. 427
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Laboratory director must report examinations for lead or mercury - 6

(1) Lead and mercury are prescribed as hazardous agents for the purposes of the Act if present in a manner that may cause the lead or mercury to enter the body of a person exposed to that lead or Mercury.

(2) A laboratory director who performs a diagnostic examination on a blood or urine sample for the purpose of detecting lead or mercury must, if the diagnostic examination is a, benefit within the meaning of the *Laboratory Services Act*,

(a) report the results of the diagnostic examination, regardless of whether lead or mercury was detected, and

(b) include in the report personal information identifying the person

- (i) from whom the blood or urine sample was taken, and
- (ii) who requested the diagnostic examination.

(3) A report must be made to the provincial health officer in the format and manner required by the provincial health officer.

(4) A medical health officer who receives, under section 12 (2) [reports must be made available to health officers], a copy of a report made under this section

(a) may request the person who requested the diagnostic examination to disclose

(i) personal information identifying the person from whom the blood or urine sample was taken,

(ii) any relevant signs or symptoms exhibited by the person from whom the blood or urine sample was taken, and

(iii) all relevant diagnostic examinations that were done, and the results, and

(b) must report back to the provincial health officer under section 12 (1) the information received in response to a request made under paragraph (a) of this subsection.

(5) Section 14 of the Act applies for the purposes of a request made by a medical health officer under subsection (4) (a) of this section.

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Persons responsible must report toxic spills 7

In addition to Satisfying all requirements imposed under the *Environmental Management Act*, a person who causes or permits the discharge of a substance that is a health hazard or hazardous agent; whether onto land or into the water or air, must do all of the following:

(a) take immediate action to stop the discharge, remove and mitigate all hazardous effects and prevent all further hazardous effects;

(b) promptly report to a medical health officer, in person or orally,

(i) the matters set out in section 11 of the Act, and

(ii) the time, duration and quantity of the discharge;

(c) report again to a medical health officer, in writing and within the time required by the medical health officer, the matters referred to in paragraph (b).

Reference

1. Province of British Columbia Order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council. Reporting information affecting public health regulation. Order in Council No. 427. Part 2- Duty to report - Division 1, General duty to report, Laboratory director must report examinations for lead or mercury 6, and Persons responsible must report toxic spills. Effective January 1, 2019, http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/oic/oic_cur/0427_2018, July 27, 2018:13. [Text adopted from the reference]