

Safe Work Procedure: Carbolizing Beds

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Potential Hazards:	Personal protective equipment / devices required / other safety considerations
<p><i>Fill in those that apply:</i></p> <p>Risk for injury: H=High M=Medium L=Low</p> <p>M Awkward postures, reaching, twisting & bending</p> <p>M Forceful exertions; handling heavy mattresses</p> <p>L Repetitive movements</p> <p>L Sharp points/edges</p> <p>L Pinch points</p> <p>L Chemicals; cleaning solution contact</p> <p>L Biological pathogens</p>	<p>Personal Protective Equipment as per signage on door</p>

Training / Reference information

- SCHIPP Module 1 training
- Department Orientation
- WHMIS / SDS training

Note: Signs and symptoms of a musculoskeletal injury (MSI) can include pain, burning, swelling, stiffness, numbness/tingling, and/or loss of movement or strength in a body part. Report these to your supervisor.

Employers must ensure that workers are trained and follow this safe work procedure Steps to perform this task safely:

1. Electric bed - make sure it is raised to the ergonomically correct level.
2. Ensure bed is moved away from the wall, re-apply brakes. Be aware not to shear the power cord from the outlet when moving the bed.
3. Bend mattress in half holding the mattress with one hand to support yourself, while wiping the underside of the mattress continue to clean the remainder of the bed with a clean cloth saturated with disinfectant.
4. Specialty mattresses require 2 staff to clean.
5. Avoid awkward bending and overreaching.
6. Kneel or crouch whenever possible.
7. Move bed back to original position, being cautious not to hit power cord and apply brakes.

****Carbolizing beds allows an opportunity to inspect the bed and mattress for proper operation or damage. Report any damaged bed or mattress to your supervisor/maintenance requisition.**