

Utarbeidet av AA Godkjent av	Standard operating procedure Working with formaline	Versjon: 2,0 Utarbeidet: 17.12.2012 Revidert: 30.09.2014
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1. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure that no personnel is exposed to health hazards from working with formaline.

2. Responsibility

Head of unit is responsible for securing a safe working environment at the unit. All personnel are responsible for working in accordance with the relevant procedures.

3. Definition

Formaline: a water solution of formaldehyde. Formaldehyde is an organic compound with the formula CH_2O . Formaldehyde is highly toxic to all animals, regardless of method of intake. Formaldehyde can be toxic, allergenic and carcinogenic.

4. General rules

- Formaline containers are stored in a designated cabinet in the operation room.
- Always use a safety cabinet when working with formaline.
- Use gloves in safety class EN 374-3, P2-mask, disposable lab coat and hair net.
- Cover working areas with plastic coated bench paper.
- Put waste formaline in a clearly labeled container, close it and store it inside the safety cabinet.
- Wash working areas with soap and water.
- Put gloves, lab coats and other waste material in a yellow container.
- Wash your hands.

5. Accidents

- If formaline is spilled on your skin, flush with plenty of water and contact head of unit.
- If you spill on surfaces or equipment, use paper, then wash with soap and water. Inform head of unit.
- If eye contact, immediately flush eyes with plenty of water and get medical attention. Necessary equipment is available in the surgery room.