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# RISK REMINDER



## Hepatitis C - No Vaccine Yet

There is a vaccine for Hepatitis A and B. Currently a vaccine for Hepatitis C is being developed and tested. As municipal workers, you may be exposed to the virus through contact with blood or by a needle-stick. While symptoms are considered mild, they include:

- Fatigue
- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Muscle and joint aches
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea

Long-term effects usually include liver disease. It is estimated that 3.9 million Americans are infected with Hepatitis C. We urge you to practice safe techniques including the use of personal protective equipment when you are in a situation involving the possibility of contact with blood.

## Confined Space Rescue - Who is Responder?

Many companies rely on the local fire department to be their confined space rescuer. However, they may fail to inform the fire department of this decision. If you have a business in town that may consider the fire department as their responder, it is recommended you visit the site and learn what confined space(s) they have, what hazards they have on the premises and how often workers enter the confined space. The fire department should be notified of such entries before they occur.

**For more information, contact your Loss Control Consultant at (888) 562-7861**

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