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New Occupational Health & Safety Regulation for Manitoba

A new workplace safety and health regulation was announced by the provincial government on November 1, 2006 to take effect on February 1, 2007. A new section (Part 7) has been added specifically to address welding safety issues in any workplace where welding or allied processes take place. Some issues addressed by Part 7 include the following:

- Welding processes include arc welding, brazing, solid-state welding, soldering, resistance welding, and other welding
- Allied processes include thermal spraying and thermal adhesive bonding, arc cutting, laser cutting, oxygen or other cutting.
- All welding and allied processes must comply with CSA W117.2-01 (R2006) "Safety in Welding, Cutting & Allied Processes".
- Employers are responsible to develop and implement Safe Work Procedures related to welding allied processes as well as train employees in these procedures and ensure that workers comply with them.
- Employers must, so far as is reasonably practical, shield other workers from being exposed to radiation in areas where electric arc welding is taking place.
- Employers must ensure that all welding and ground leads are appropriately secured and protected.
- Employers must ensure that employees test regulators and flexible connecting hoses immediately after connecting them to gas cylinders, to ensure there are no leaks.
- Flashback arresters must be installed between the torch and the fuel gas and oxygen supply.

To view summaries of all new regulatory parts go to: <http://www.gov.mb.ca/labour/safety/regsummary.html>.