

# Occupational Health Services – Walsh and Associates

Queen's employees and students requiring Occupational Health Services because they work in or around research laboratories and facilities with physical, chemical, biological, or radiation hazards may use the services of the Walsh and Associates Occupational Health Services (OHS) clinic.

**If there is an exposure incident for which you have a Standard Operating Procedure that indicates you should contact Walsh and Associates** during normal business hours, contact their main office in **Belleville at 613-966-4114**.

- Outside of those defined incident types, or if unable to contact Walsh and Associates, **if there is an exposure incident requiring urgent medical attention then workers should go to the Kingston Health Sciences Centre – Kingston General Hospital (KHSC – KGH) Emergency. Please find a map to KHSC KGH Emergency on the last page of this document. Also, a link to Google Maps is provided here: [Map to KHSC KGH Emergency](#)**

The **Walsh and Associates clinic** located in downtown **Kingston** (120 Clarence Street) is primarily **intended for occupational health services for which appointments can be booked in advance**.

- Clinic hours are Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon.
- Appointments can be booked by calling 613-546-4646.
  - Messages will be monitored daily and your call returned.
- [Map to Kingston Occupational Health and Safety](#)

## Information required for billing purposes:

To recover the cost of the medical service, individuals attending Walsh and Associates OHS will inform them of:

- their name,
- the name of their supervisor,
- and their department at Queen's University

The Department in which the individual is employed will be billed for this service through the Queen's Department of Environmental Health and Safety. Recovery of costs from individual Principal Investigators will be a Departmental matter.

## The occupational health services currently provided by Walsh and Associates include:

- dispensing of any mandatory or recommended vaccinations and antibody titre testing including:
  - annual tuberculosis skin testing for employees from Queen's Animal Care Services, Queen's Physical Plant Services and NHP researchers
  - Hepatitis A and/or Hepatitis B immunization and antibody titre testing

- Tetanus/Diphtheria immunization

- respiratory assessments related to respirator use for those with certain medical conditions
- providing employee/student telephone counselling and serum testing as necessary in certain defined types of incidents for which a Queen's SOP has been written e.g. with a nonhuman primate or with human blood
- eye screening (Central Field Testing using Amsler Charts) at the beginning and end of employment for Queen's employees who use 3b and 4 lasers
- asbestos medical surveillance every 3 years for employees of Queen's Physical Plant Services

**Consultations for specific types of exposure incidents:**

For certain defined types of exposure incidents, telephone consultation will be available every weekday from Walsh and Associates. For example if you are uncertain about whether or not a superficial wound has broken the skin resulting in exposure to a hazardous pathogen, Walsh and Associates can assess a photograph of the wound and provide advice.

- Those affected by these types of incidents will have a standard operating protocol (SOP) developed for their laboratories and will contact Walsh and Associates through their Belleville office at 613-966-4114 for advice about how to proceed after basic first aid.
- Walsh and Associates can assist with appropriate triage at KHSC KGH Emergency.
- For an example of how Walsh and Associates can be involved in an incident response see the flow chart near the end of [SOP-Biosafety-08 on Human Tissues, Blood and Other Body Fluid](#).

**If you think that personnel in your personnel need hazard-specific incident response assistance,** contact the [Queen's University Biosafety Officer](#) for help in developing an SOP.

