

CPR REQUIREMENTS FOR DENTISTS AND DENTAL HYGIENISTS

Every dentist and dental hygienist practicing in Wisconsin must hold a current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate unless the licensee has obtained a waiver from the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board. A waiver from the board must be based on a medical evaluation documenting physical inability to comply and shall be issued by the board only if it is satisfied that another person with current certification in CPR is immediately available to the licensee when patients are present - Wisconsin Admin. Code DE 5.02 (24).

Failure to hold a current CPR certificate constitutes unprofessional conduct and is grounds for disciplinary action - Wisconsin Admin. Code DE 5.02 (24), Wisconsin Statute 447.07 (1) and (3)(a).

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services website contains a list of approved CPR course providers: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ems/License_certification/CPR.htm

The DHS website also offers the following statement about course requirements:

Any course offered by the above providers that includes the following is approved by this department to fulfill the cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillator (AED) training objectives for persons who are required, as a condition of licensure, certification, or registration to be proficient in CPR or in the use of an AED.

- Instruction of CPR
- Instruction in the use of an AED
- Verified course completion through a certification/completion card
- Certification not to exceed two years

On-line CPR courses are only acceptable if they provide classroom, hands-on/instructor-led skill training and assessment.

Credential holders (dentists and dental hygienists) are expected to maintain their own CPR training records in accordance with the obligation to maintain continuing education records – Wisconsin Admin. Code DE 13.03 (10) and DE 13.04 (9). If an investigation of a credential holder occurs – these CPR records may be requested and if available must be provided.

A protective barrier for the provision of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation during CPR is required in a dental office for those employees covered by the OSHA Bloodborne Standard. Examples include bag-to-mouth resuscitation devices, CPR pocket masks, or positive pressure oxygen - WI Admin. Code DE 11.08 (1)(a)(5)(6) and DE 11.08 (1)(b)(5)(6) and OSHA Standards 29 CFR § 1910.1030 (d)(3)(i).

http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=standards&p_id=10051