

TOOLBOX TALK — LEPTOSPIROSIS AND BIOLOGICAL HAZARDS — WHAT THE RATS LEFT

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Five to ten minutes at the workplace, spoken by the supervisor, recorded below — and two-way, or it is not a talk

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WHY THIS TALK: Drains, wet ground, old buildings and anywhere rats have been carry leptospirosis — Weil's disease is its severe form — and it starts like flu and can end in hospital. Needles, bird droppings and sewage are in the same family: things you never cut or lifted that still put you off work.

1 THE SESSION

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2 THE POINTS TO MAKE — TICK AS COVERED, IN YOUR OWN WORDS

Rat urine is the route: standing water, drains, chambers, river banks, canal work, old basements, waste ground — assume it is there

Cover cuts and grazes with waterproof plasters before the shift, and wear gloves and waterproof kit for wet or dirty work

Wash hands and forearms before eating, drinking, smoking or rubbing your face — and never eat in the work area

Flu-like symptoms in the weeks after wet or dirty work: tell the doctor what you do for a living — treated early it is straightforward; late, it is not

Sharps: needles are picked up with a grabber into a sharps bin, never by hand — a stick injury: make it bleed, wash it under running water with soap, cover it, and A&E within the hour; do not suck it

Bird droppings in roofs and voids are dampened before disturbance and never dry-swept, RPE where the RAMS says — bats in a void: stop and get the ecologist; bats and their roosts are protected

Sewage and flood water: full waterproofs, decontaminate before the welfare, and anything soaked is bagged, not walked through the canteen

MADE SPECIFIC TO THIS SITE

3 ASK THE CREW — AND WRITE DOWN WHAT COMES BACK

· Where on this site would rats have been, and who works there?

· Who has a cut on their hands today, and what is over it?

· Where is the sharps bin and the grabber on this site?

WHAT THE CREW RAISED, AND WHAT HAPPENS ABOUT IT

4 WHO WAS THERE

NAME

COMPANY

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