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FIELD EVALUATION OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

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Field Evaluation projects range from simple electrical devices to complex electrical systems. Medical equipment evaluation and testing is a specialty area requiring special training and test equipment. For medical devices in a patient vicinity Leakage Current testing is required along with the other non-destructive testing usually associated with Field Evaluations. For equipment that comes into direct contact with the patient, Leakage Current

test results are subject to special requirements. When medical equipment is mentioned, we immediately think of equipment we see in hospitals and clinics, such as blood pressure monitors or ECG machines. But medical equipment also includes exam tables, dental chairs and x-ray viewers. Doctor's offices also use medical equipment that should be certified to UL60601 or CSA 60601 for US and Canada, however these offices are often missed with a review of noncertified electrical equipment. OSHA requirements for the workplace also require all electrical equipment to be Listed or labeled – this includes Laboratory equipment - yet often it is overlooked.

Recently many Healthcare facilities have begun requiring specialized testing for installed systems in surgical suites, and TUV Rheinland is one of the few testing laboratories experienced in this area. Contact our experts for more information on all medical equipment and medical facility testing.



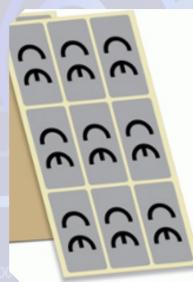
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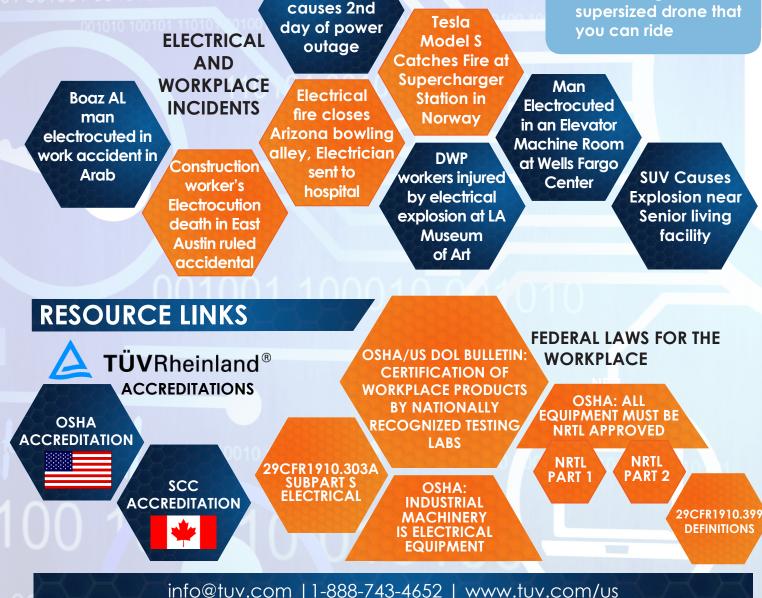
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