

WHY IS ASSESSING COMPLIANCE SO VITAL?

Assessing your dental practice is the only way to know if you are providing a safe environment for your patients and staff.

The Assessment:

1. Verifies if you have effective work practices in place
2. Confirms you are properly following the CDC Infection Control Guidelines, OSHA Standards including Bloodborne Pathogens, EPA requirements, and HIPAA privacy requirements
3. Discloses your risk position and prevention needs

Sixty-five percent of dental practices inspected by OSHA in 2018 failed to meet the required standards. Dental practices can be reported by an employee to OSHA or by a patient to the dental licensing board. Even the best policies and procedures (protocols) need to be assessed annually to ensure your practice is compliant.

HOW OFTEN DO I NEED TO TRAIN MY STAFF?

Training requirements vary according to federal and state regulations. For instance, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) requires the dental practice to train staff immediately upon hire, when new hazards are introduced, and annually on health & safety.

OSHA Training must include:

- Bloodborne Pathogens / Exposure Control
- Chemical Safety / Hazard Communication
- Personal Protective Equipment requirements
- Radiation Safety | Anesthetic | Medical gases
- Emergency Planning | Workplace Violence
- Equipment & Electrical Safety

CDC Training includes:

- Infection Control Practices
- Sterilization & Waterline Procedures

EPA Training includes:

- Hazardous Waste Containment / Disposal

HIPAA Training includes:

- Security of patient information