

WHI Dentist Program 2024 Calendar



JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
<p>January is Office Safety/WISHA month!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schedule your monthly office safety/WISHA meeting for the year <p>Hold your first 2024 office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>February is HIPAA month!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/train/educate your employees every February on HIPAA and privacy requirements <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>March is Bloodborne Pathogens month!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/train/educate your employees every March on bloodborne pathogens <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>
APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<p>April is Infection Control month!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review/train/educate your employees every April on infection control – Infection Control Rules <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>WHI Dentist Program webinar recording “Mitigate Risk - Building Trust Through Informed Consent & Other Everyday Practices” is available for review</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>WHI Dentist Program webinar recording “Three to Heed – Topics in Dental Practice Risk Management” is available for review</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>
JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
<p>July is Heart Health month</p> <p>Provider Basic Life Support (BLS)</p> <p>Check batteries in AED</p> <p>Certification is required every two years – is this the year you need to re-certify?</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>WSDA review Sterilization of Low-Speed Hand Piece Motors Requirement program</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>September is CE Review Month</p> <p>Review Summary of Continued Education required for Licensed Dentist</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>
OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
<p>Do you have a Business Owners Policy (BOP) with Optima? Watch for your renewal documents and provide updates on your property and equipment as applicable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pending or potential acquisition, merger, sale, retirement or closure of your practice Change of practice location Formation of a legal entity for your practice Additional/new equipment Any NEW COIs or AI endorsements Increase or decrease in employees <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>Watch for your renewal documents/invoice for your WHI Dentist Program (professional liability) policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check your renewal documents – is your name correct? Do you need coverage for an entity? <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>	<p>Pay your WHI Dentist Program renewal premium</p> <p>Pay your BOP renewal premium (Travelers or Hartford)</p> <p>Conduct monthly office safety/WISHA staff training</p>

IMPORTANT REMINDERS: All licenses/registrations renew on your and your staff's birthdays.

DENTAL PRACTICE RESOURCE LIST

Washington State Dental Association: [Website](#)

- Continuing Education: Pacific Northwest Dental Conference May 5-9, 2024 in Seattle.
- See Infection Control Rules [Update](#) for education, checklists, and plans.
- **January 11, 2024- New Anesthesia Rules Effective – [Read more](#)**

Washington State Department of Labor & Industry: [Website](#)

- Dental Safety: [Requirement](#) & [Video's Training & Prevention](#) includes occupational health education for dental hygienists and topic information on emergencies, formaldehyde, hazardous drugs and chemicals, and blood borne pathogens for monthly office safety and annual trainings.
- **Recently Implemented Regulatory Deadlines**
 - *Jan. 1, 2023: Job Posting Requirements*
 - *Jan. 1, 2023: Minimum Wage Increase*
 - *Jan. 1, 2023: Paid Family Medical Leave Premium Rate Increase*
 - *Jan. 2023: Job Title Reporting Required on Unemployment Insurance Tax Reports*
 - *July 1, 2023: Employer Withholding for the Long-Term Services and Support (LTSS) Trust Program Begins*
- Employment Alert: The [Pregnant Workers Fairness Act](#) effective June 27, 2023.

What is WISHA?

- The Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA), Chapter 49.17 RCW, requires all state employers to maintain work practices and work environments which do not endanger the health or safety of employees.
- [WISHA & OSHA](#) -the difference between federal and WA State safety regulations.
- WISHA requires monthly office staff safety education.

Continuing Education

- Washington State Department of Health Dentist Continuing Education [Requirements](#)
- University of Washington School of Dentistry: [Continuing Dental Education](#)

ACORA The Foundation of Delta Dental of Washington: [Website](#)

- Blogs, Data Reports, Professional Training and Videos

Annual Training: HIPAA, Bloodborne Pathogens, Infection Control

- List dates/topics (i.e., CDC Infection Prevention [Checklist](#) for Dental Settings, New Rules)

Staff Birthday Reminders: License & Registration Renewals, BLS Every Two Years

- By license renewal date in 2024: Three Hour Suicide Prevention CE Due.
- For Dentists who prescribe opioids: Three Hour Prescribing CE Due.

Other Topics

- Dentist License [Requirements Sedation Levels & CE Requirements](#)