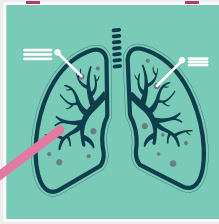


World Tuberculosis Day 2025

Yes We Can End TB: Commit, Invest, Deliver



FACTS ABOUT TB

- Tuberculosis (TB) is ranked third most common occupational health disease in South Africa.
- 10.8 million people were infected with tuberculosis (TB) worldwide and 1.25 million people died from TB in 2023.



RISK GROUPS

- Health care workers are amongst the groups at high risk of TB.
- However, many other workplaces are at increased risk of TB e.g. laboratories, correctional facilities, transportation, mines.
- Employees must comply with health and safety.

TAKING ACTION!

- World TB Day advocates for ending the TB epidemic by 2030, supporting global health and employees well-being while contributing to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Airborne infection control, aligned with SDGs, is key to the WHO End TB Strategy and should be implemented in workplaces.
- TB is preventable with measures like best practices, air ventilation and cleaning devices.
- Types of air cleaning devices: portable floor-standing, ceiling-and wall-mounted.



EMPLOYER DUTY FOR TB PREVENTION

Commit – Risky workplaces must pledge to prioritize workplace health and safety by installing air cleaning devices

Invest – Employers should allocate resources for air cleaning technologies including maintenance, staff awareness and training.

Deliver – Ensure the proper installation, operation, and monitoring of air cleaning devices for a safe work environment.

Note: Air cleaning devices are a supplement to ventilation to improve indoor air quality (IAQ) but do not replace it.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Air cleaning devices that have not been tested for efficacy in reducing airborne and surface pathogens provide little or no protection to the workers.
- Infection prevention and control (IPC) personnel must ensure that the devices are tested for efficacy and safety before buying and installation.
- Testing of the device prototypes should be done by a reputable laboratory and data performance should be reflected in the report.
- The safety data sheet and specifications must also be provided by the supplier.

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