

## 2 RESPONSIBILITIES

Safety is the responsibility of every member of the University community. Specific responsibilities are as follows:

### President of the University

- Provide a Statement of Policy with respect to Occupational Health and Safety for the University.
- The Statement shall provide the commitment and philosophy that sets levels of expectations for Occupational Health and Safety throughout the University.
- Responsible to ensure that the Health and Safety Program is developed and implemented throughout the University.

### Chairs, Managers and Supervisors

- Provide the necessary resources to ensure that the Occupational Health and Safety Program is developed and implemented throughout the Department.
- Maintain overall control of the University Occupational Health and Safety Program. Ensure that coordinators administer in a fair and consistent manner the Occupational Health and Safety Program.
- Cooperate with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.
- Provide leadership to ensure that the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety Legislation is met or exceeded throughout the University.

### Deans, Directors and Officers

- Implement and maintain the University Occupational Health and Safety Program.
- Cooperate with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.
- Provide a written response to the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee's recommendations.
- Meet with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee with respect to inspection reports when necessary to address safety needs.
- Advise employees on all new developments or regulations under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- Assure that copies of all legislation and regulations under the legislation are brought to the attention of employees and are posted in the workplace.
- Perform such other functions as required to assist in the administration of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

- Make available to all employees programs and training that will enable staff to comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

### Professors/Instructors

- Implement and maintain the Safe Work Practices and Work Procedures.
- Ensure hazard assessments are conducted.
- Discuss safety issues at regular department and school meetings.
- Make observation of health and safety activities on projects.
- Comply with the Nova Scotia Occupational Health and Safety legislation.
- Ensure the safe performance of personnel and equipment in their department.
- Ensure that all workers and students are instructed in the safe work practices and procedures.
- Require employees and students to use the appropriate personal protective equipment for the task performed.
- Take corrective action to ensure the health and safety of the workers and students.
- Undertake the investigation of accidents and incidents.
- Complete the required accident/incident forms on a timely basis.
- Take corrective action to ensure compliance with standards and procedures within our program.
- Provide employees and students with information about hazards on the job site.
- Cooperate with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

### Safety Officer

- Provide direction and leadership to the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee.
- Make available to all committees information, programs and training that will enable staff to comply with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- Ensure periodic investigations and inspections of all workplaces are conducted.
- Assist in the investigation of fatal or serious incidents and report findings to management committees.
- Make recommendations for changes and improvements in the workplace under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- Make regular reports to the Occupational Health & Safety Committee of the University.
- Assist in the development and maintenance in the lab safety program that will meet the education and safety needs of the University in light of present information.
- Assist in the yearly maintenance of WHMIS documentation for hazardous chemicals; oversee safe storage, updates of inventories, Material Safety Data Sheets, and worker education as required under WHMIS.
- Recommend safe storage requirements.

### Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

- Post the names and work numbers of members.
- Meet regularly as required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* or as determined by the Committee.
- Keep and distribute written minutes of Committee activities.
- Conduct or coordinate physical inspections of the workplace as required by the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.
- Follow-up on recommendations.
- Identify sources of danger or hazards.
- Make written recommendations for improvements to the University.

### Employees

- Carry out work in a manner that will not create a hazard to own health and safety or that of other employees.
- Assist in identifying hazards at workplaces.
- Report all accidents/incidents to supervisor.
- Participate on the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee upon election by co-workers.
- Co-operate with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee members.
- Participate in investigation of accidents and incidents.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment for the task assigned.
- Ensure that safe work practices and procedures are followed.

### Lab Personnel

- Comply with the University's safety policies and procedures, and departmental regulations associated with all University related activities.
- Seek guidance from professors, instructors or deans concerning safety related knowledge and skills required to ensure safe performance in University related activities.
- Attend safety training programs and meetings as required.
- Immediately report to professors, instructors or deans any accident, near accident, hazardous practice or condition with respect to University related activities.
- Generate labels and **provide** Material Safety Data Sheets for controlled substances that are in the University and do not conform to WHMIS standards.
- Develop methods of controlling inventory to ensure that there are no excesses or outdated chemicals in the workplace.

## Visitors/Students

- Comply with the University's safety policies and procedures and all other pertinent departmental regulations.
- Meet with the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee with respect to inspection reports when necessary to address safety needs.

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