

Environmental Health and Safety News



Safe Work Practices



Conserving Resources



Learning and Growth

As work settings, the land grant missions of Kansas State University are very unique places within the University due to teaching, research and extension activities that occur in laboratories, greenhouses, farms and field sites in Manhattan and at locations throughout the state. In these environments, there is the potential for our faculty, staff and students to be simultaneously exposed to a variety of hazard types, such as:

Physical || Electrical || Fire || Chemical ||
|| Radiological || Biological || Thermal || Vehicular ||

The management of the College of Agriculture is committed to providing a safe working and learning environment for our stakeholders that may be exposed to these hazards. As faculty, staff, and student workers your responsibility includes complying with all environmental health and safety laws regulations and with current best practices. This includes minimizing any adverse environmental impacts and safety risks by committing to a culture of safety and resource conservation in the College.

Summer Blast

Western Kansas KSRE EH&S

Support: Joe Becker has expanded his safety roll at Hays to include EH&S oversight for other western Kansas research centers. This includes Colby, Garden City, and Tribune.

Kansas Department of Labor's (KDOL) SHAPE Program:

The College of Agriculture is partnering with KDOL on a voluntary occupational health and safety recognition program offered to the public sector by KDOL. To learn more about our initiative, contact the EH&S Office.

Accident Reports & Near Misses: To better track our accidents and incidents, please begin using our more detailed [Accident, Incident, and Near Miss Investigation Form](#) in addition to [Human Capital's Workers' Compensation Report of Accident](#). The forms are located at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/agsafe/accidents/index.html>.

EPA's Worker Protection Standard (WPS): Check out our Ag EH&S Web Site for the changes to the Standard: www.ksre.k-state.edu/agsafe/training/.

CITI Online Training: CITI Online

Training: The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) is a tool that allows us to customize training to target specific needs. Our WPS training is now offered on the CITI site. To learn more about the WPS training, please contact the EH&S Office. Upcoming additions include Skid-Steer Loader. We are utilizing CITI to deliver more Ag specific training beyond what is offered through the generic training at www.jjkeller.com.

Work Place Health, Safety, and Environmental Protection Starts With You!

Proper Attire & PPE: Wearing the appropriate clothing and proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential in reducing accidents and personal exposures. Know the risk potential and the requirements before operating and handling equipment and materials. Contact the EH&S office if you have questions regarding proper attire and PPE.

Training and Documentation: Training is a fundamental tool that educates and aids in reducing associated risks. Understanding and performing tasks to your best ability supports a safe working environment for yourself and those around you. Training is specific to the task you are performing and are outlined by your superior. These work procedures (SOPs), job safety analyses (JSAs), and hazard assessments detail out the hazards you may experience in the tasks you perform. They will provide you guidance on conducting your work safely. Check with your supervisor to review them. Who needs training? You, as an employee, student or select visitor or volunteer need the training.

Documenting your training is equally important as completing the required training. Documentation consist of your signature and date the training was understood and completed for each section of training identified. Documentation is vital to demonstrate that training was completed as it is reviewed by inspecting agencies.