

## 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.

College of Agriculture: Updates – Safety Training, University Required Laboratory Door Sign and Accident/Incident Forms

**New University Laboratory Door Sign:** KSU EH&S worked with the Manhattan Fire Department to develop a new laboratory door sign that provides information on possible lab hazards, required PPE, and additional precautions for individuals entering the lab. Laboratories at the Manhattan Campus are required to have these new signs displayed by January 17, 2017. Off campus locations are encouraged to post by that date. For information on the sign, please visit <https://www.k-state.edu/safety/labsign2/>.

### **Accident/Incident/Near Miss**

**Form:** To better track and assess our accidents and incidents within the College of Agriculture and KSRE complete the more detailed [Accident, Incident, and Near Miss Investigation Form](#) and our recently added [Root Cause Analysis Form](#). These forms are an addition to the State [Employer's Report of Accident \(KWC 1101-A\)](#) for each accident/incident. These forms are located at <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/agsafe/accidents/index.html>

### **WPS Now Required Annually:**

The EPA's Agriculture Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is aimed at reducing the risk of pesticide exposures and injuries to agriculture workers and pesticide handlers. To ensure better safety and health of these individuals, the EPA has modified WPS regulations. Within these changes comes the requirement of annual WPS training for all workers and handlers. To learn more on the EPA's revisions visit <http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/agsafe/presentations/comparrison-chart-wps.pdf>

### **Skid Steer Training Available!**

The Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) is a tool that allows us to customize training to target specific needs. We are utilizing CITI to provide additional training to Ag-related individuals. Recently, skid steer training was added to the CITI site at <https://www.citiprogram.org/>. This specific training is intended to assist individuals in identifying components of a skid steer, to educate on the safe operation, and to address emergency situations. Skid steer training is required every 3 years. For more information about skid steer training, please contact the COA EH&S office.

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



## **SHAPE PROGRAM**

Safety & Health Award for Public Employees

**SHAPE Our EH&S Programs:** The College of Agriculture (COA) EH&S Office is working closely with the Feed Technology Innovation Center staff in preparing for acceptance into the Kansas Department of Labor SHAPE (Safety and Health Award for Public Employees) pilot program. Faculty, staff, student workers, and the COA EH&S team are working diligently to meet the necessary criteria. The focus of the program involves securing management commitment and engagement, tracking accidents and illnesses for reporting on OSHA's 300 Log, engaging employees through an active safety committee, conducting self-inspections to identify and manage risk, documenting work practices, and providing ongoing training. Acceptance into SHAPE denotes excellence in a safer working environment!