

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: Kansas Department of Labor's SHAPE Program

What is SHAPE? The Safety and Health Award for Public Employees (SHAPE) was established by the Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) in 2012 as a recognition for all public sector employers and their employees. The SHAPE program recognizes employers and employees that are consciously aware of the importance of a safe working environment and strive to continuously enhance safety in the work place. Benefits of the SHAPE program include eliminating the recurrence of hazards, increase work productivity, reduce employee turnover, improve employee morale and more, offering five award levels!

COA is partnering with KDOL for acceptance into SHAPE. This program recognizes voluntary driven occupational health and safety performance supported by an involved and engaged management team. Direct benefits include decreased accidents and incidents, an engaged safety committees, a trained workforce, and an ongoing risk discovery process to serve as the gold standard for improving safety performance and communicating with regulators, students, media, parents, and Administration.

To learn about SHAPE and our work plan for acceptance into the program, please contact the EH&S Office at: agsafe@ksu.edu.

[KDOL Safety and Health Conference](#)

Click the link above for the agenda, registration, and location information for the October Conference in Wichita

SHAPE Self-Assessment: Preparing for acceptance into KDOL's SHAPE program is no small undertaking. We are actively assessing and re-assessing our progress every step of the way. This includes meeting with stakeholders on a regular basis on key areas, e.g., ownership, accident reporting and tracking, assessments, training, and documentation.



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Self-Assessment Tool



SHAPE Project

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



Meet the ARCH KSRE Grounds Team! Joe Becker (also Safety Coordinator), Rich Windholz and Storm Pickens. Thanks for all you do!

Lessons Learned: In August the COA EH&S Office was informed of an electrical shock accident involving a 28-year-old male worker. This incident occurred because the power washer ground plug was purposely removed from the three-prong power cord. The worker while holding the power washer with one hand and opening a metal door with the other was shocked. He was able to remove his hand from the door handle by kicking the door. This prevented a much more serious injury from occurring. Prevent electrical hazards by verifying that equipment is properly grounded, ground-fault circuit interrupters are in place near water sources, and that safe work practices are employed.