Hello CAHNRS,

If you supervise the work of others, plan to take an upcoming “Supervisor as Safety Manager” Training. For more information and to register go to: https://wsu.skillport.com/skillportfe/main.action#summary/ILT/CDE$27427:_ss_ilt:scwsu/ilt_wsu_MGMT_334. The next session is April 18 – I hope to see you there.


March marks Workplace Eye Wellness Month and National Poison Prevention Week. As I have opportunity to walk through the many and varied workplaces that make up CAHNRS, it is apparent that eye protection and poison prevention are indeed important topics.

- Safety glasses, goggles, helmets, and face shields can protect employees from the hazards of flying fragments, large chips, hot sparks, and splashes, as well as particles, sand, dirt, mists, dusts, and glare. If you need eye protection, let your supervisor know!
- Some poisons may be harmful if they come into direct contact with your eyes or skin. Others may be toxic if you breathe or swallow them. Poisons can be solids, liquids, sprays and gases. You may encounter poison ivy or oak, mistake edible berries for poisonous ones, or be exposed to carbon monoxide from using gasoline or diesel powered tools, etc. A poison is anything that can harm someone if it is used in the wrong way, used by the wrong person, or used in the wrong amount.

If an accident happens with chemicals, medicine or household items, call the Poison Control Center at 1-800-222-1222 for help from a local poison expert.

QUICK REMINDERS

- Be Responsible -- Provide initial, refresher and hazard communication training for employees working with potential poison hazards. Take training when it is offered/required of you. Wear appropriate protective gear and/or clothing every time.
- Be aware -- Familiarize yourself – know what poisonous plants look like. Read and heed labels, cautions, hazard signs and symbols.
- If injured -- promptly complete an incident report and let your immediate supervisors know for investigation.
- Report -- related hazards to WSU Environmental Health and Safety at (509) 335-3041.

FIND OUT MORE

- WSU Eye and Face Protection Fact Sheet https://ehs.wsu.edu/ohs/Factsheets/FAQEyeFaceProtection.html.
- WSU Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Fact Sheet https://ehs.wsu.edu/ohs/factsheets/FAQCOPoisoning.html

Be safe out there, CAHNRS!