

10.12.21 CAHNRS College-Level Safety Committee Meeting Notes

1. Introductions of new members –

Jessica Pestana Wiest will be representing the Plant Growth Facility

Attendees: Dixie Kearney, Kat Odell, Jim Kropf, Wycliffe Nyongesa, Jessica Pestana Wiest, Deb Pherson, Dan Gorton, Bill McCrea, Michael Chapman, Herb Lengel, Teresa VanderPol, Yvette Anguiano, Shawn Ringo

2. WSU Virtual Safety, Health and Security Fair:

<https://events.wsu.edu/event/safety-health-and-security-fair-2021/>

Week-long Virtual Fair, October 18-22 online

Daily Flash Talks each day

In-Person Resource Fair, October 19, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, CUB Senior Ballroom

President's Award Ceremony: Tuesday, October 19, at 11:30 a.m.

3. Compliance and Civil Rights Office, The Annual Security Report is available at

<https://ccr.wsu.edu/2021-2022-clery-report/> for all WSU locations

4. Incidents/Injuries – *there were a lot of incidents the past two months, let's be careful out there. Take your time, slow down, and ask for help when you need it.*

- School of Food Science, employee was preparing a room for a lab course and hit their head on a metal shelf as they were reaching to turn on a piece of equipment, was able to address with ice to the wound. *(Slow down, pay attention.)*
- Plant Pathology, employee received a papercut while unboxing petri dishes, no treatment needed.
- Animal Sciences, employee was moving a gate to close it when the hinge broke, dropping the heavy galvanized pipe that is part of the gate onto their foot. No treatment required. *(Preventive maintenance on gates and latches should be conducted and issues corrected, especially when subject to outdoor elements.)*
- Institute of Biological Chemistry, employee cut their hand when pushing a door open from contact with the decorative metal plating. Bandages required. Facilities Services was contacted, and the two doors with this metal plating were mitigated/covered with tape until Facilities Services can replace the plates. *(This occurred in a new building. Immediate corrective action was taken.)*
- Horticulture, employee was picking apples from a ladder when their reach position caused their left knee to hyper-extend. No treatment required. *(Practice good industrial ergonomics. Don't over-reach when using a ladder or other raised/lowered work surface.)*
- Crop and Soil Sciences, employee was assisting with planting. When they were checking to make sure the seed was evenly distributed in the seed box, their foot was pinched between the seed drill as the farmer lowered it. Their big toe was pinched/smashed. They were treated in the emergency room, where x-rays were performed. *(All work from the rear or sides of vehicles is dangerous, especially where there are moving parts)*

and multiple events occurring. Be sure to wear the appropriate PPE, work out communication with the person you are working with, and keep out of the way of live equipment.)

- Clean Plant Center, employee was attempting to connect irrigation tubing when their finger was pinched. First Aid was required. *(Suggest using PPE such as gloves, if appropriate.)*
- Prosser Research and Extension Center, employee was stung by a bee inside their vehicle. Emergency room treatment and prescription medication was required due to a bee allergy. *(You may want to make those you are working with aware of any sensitivities, or ensure you have any necessary materials to mitigate allergic reactions on or near your person.)*
- Extension Snap-Ed, employee was working in an elementary school garden bed turning dirt with a pitchfork to harvest potatoes. They felt a sharp pain radiate down their back and into their leg. It worsened throughout the night, and they were treated in the emergency room. *(Practice good industrial ergonomics. Don't twist and lift.)*
- Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center, employee was removing and inserting feed-tube assemblies when their finger hit a metal stake and was cut between their finger and nail. First Aid performed. *(Suggest using PPE such as gloves, if appropriate.)*
- Extension 4-H residential military camp, volunteer was walking out of a dark bunkhouse to use the restroom when they tripped over a mattress and fell, injuring their right wrist. Emergency room treatment required. *(Using a light would help avoid injury.)*
- Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center, employee was carrying a tray of potting mix when they tripped over a garden hose and skinned their left knee. First Aid needed.
- Ag and Natural Resources, employee was assisting another employee prepare a truck for travel. They jumped out of the truck bed and twisted their knee. Emergency room, X-Rays, and CT scan was needed. *(Stepping down rather than jumping is best to avoid injury.)*

5. Training - <https://hrs.wsu.edu/training/>

The committee watched as a group, the Active Shooter Response online safety training.

Overview: *In this lesson, employees will learn what an active shooter event is, who is at increased risk in an active shooter event, the planning, training, and preparation steps to survive an active shooter event, the physiological reactions in an active shooter event, how to recognize an active shooter event, how to respond to an active shooter event occurring, what to do after an active shooter event occurs, and resources for additional information on preparation for an active shooter event.*

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