

## CAHNRS College-Level Safety Committee Meeting Notes

February 8, 2022

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1. Introductions of new members –
  - a. Kiwamu Tanaka from Plant Pathology
  - b. Jennifer Kiser from Animal Sciences
  - c. Jessica Wiest from Plant Growth Facility

*Attendees: Dixie Kearney, Kat Odell, Todd Murray, Teresa VanderPol, Kiwamu Tanaka, Wycliffe Nyongesa, Jessica Pestana Wiest, Shawn Ringo, Hurbert Lenfel, Mike Costa, Deb Pherson, Yvette Anguiano, Jennifer Kiser, Jonathan Lomber, Jerry Moreland, Michael Chapman, Daniel Gorton, David Gang, Jim Kropf*

2. Road Safety:
  - a. Hairpin turn at the bottom of NE Antelope Trail could use some attention
3. Masks:
  - a. CAHNRS bought some masks and has distributed them and has more on order.
4. Heart Health Month:
  - a. Where is your nearest AED located?
  - b. Who is your building/workgroup has had CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid/AED training
  - c. How recently have the AEDs and 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Kits been maintained and resupplied?
  - d. Who, aside from you, knows any of this information?
  - e. People moving into new buildings can also reach out to building coordinators for AED information, that listing is here <https://myfacilities.wsu.edu/building-coordinator/listing.aspx>
  - f. You can also sign up for myFacilities event notifications so you will know when building utilities might be shut down for maintenance by accessing your Event Notification subscriptions via myFacilities <https://myfacilities.wsu.edu/>

Homework: Chat about your AEDs in your next group meeting.

5. Incidents/Injuries
  - Creamery, Employee pulled on bar attached to door on raw tank 4, door swung back, and the sample port on the door hit right index finger at the knuckle, 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Ice applied.
  - Creamery, Employee had a rash on hands, which stings when applying hand sanitizer. Has gotten worse this week when working longer hours and wearing gloves more of the day. No treatment needed.
  - Institute of Biological Chemistry, Employee walked toward the parking lot via the stairway behind Hulbert Hall. It was dimly lit, so couldn't see the stairs and railing were coated with black ice. Employee fell and slid on their back down the 4-5 steps to the bottom of the stairway. Think winter jacket and hood prevented serious head injury, bruised ribs, back, arm, and head. (Remember to wear well-tractioned winter footwear or other traction devices when walking in the winter months.)
  - Animal Sciences, Employee was preparing samples in a lab when a drop of extraction reagent splashed in their eye. Flushed the eye for 15 minutes in the

eyewash after the incident. Sought medical attention for eye irritation. (Use eye protection PPE when in the lab.)

- Animal Sciences, Employee, was trying to get a heifer into the parlor. Pulling on the halter rope caused injury the employee's right wrist. No treatment needed.
- Puyallup Research and Extension Center, Employee, sprayed fungicides on plants for efficacy trial in July in an open-air outdoor environment wearing a respirator. On several occasions in November, the employee picked up and moved the pots from the trial without a respirator and got headaches and stomach aches. No treatment required. (A respirator should be worn when interacting with the pots, even in an open-air scenario due to the adverse effect.)
- Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center, When preparing to wash pots, a drop of bleach splashed into employee's eye. The eye was flushed with water. (Eye protection PPE would have prevented this incident.)
- Creamery, Employee walking to work at the Creamery Annex near the Spark building, stepped onto a metal grate and slipped on it, twisting their right leg at the knee and falling to the ground. The grate later had been sanded/salted. Injured back, knee, and leg. (Remember to wear well-tractioned winter footwear or other traction devices when walking in the winter months.)
- Prosser Research and Extension Center, Employee was separating pushing a screwdriver between a grommet and fabric of leaf bag to separate; screwdriver went between grommet and fabric and punctured palm of hand by thumb. 1<sup>st</sup> Aid. (Hand protection PPE, such as gloves would have been preventative.)
- Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center, Employee was carrying a crate of soil when they lost their balance, and their left knee struck the concrete floor, knee was sore and inflamed. (Consider using a wheeled cart or asking for help lifting and moving.)
- Prosser Research and Extension Center, Employee was cutting a limb off a downed tree, limb started to fall in a controlled manner, turned around to let the limb fall, left foot caught on a limb on the ground, right foot stepped onto a slick log and lost all footing and fell to the ground. Right hip and leg pain. No treatment necessary. (Clearing an area you will be working in of obstacles.)

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

- Online WSU training reviewed today: [University Laboratory Safety - Analyzing Physical Hazards](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid, CPR, and AED training – The WSU Safety Policies and Procedures Manual <https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/index/manuals/2-00-contents/2-10-accident-prevention-responsibility/> define safety expectations and training, including that first-aid trained personnel are available (on-site) to provide quick and effective first aid; i.e., have one first aid trained individual per workgroup per shift.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Aid/CPR/AED training is valid for two years and costs \$45 per person through WSU Environmental Health and Safety. Dale Silbernagel; [silbernagel@wsu.edu](mailto:silbernagel@wsu.edu) is the contact to set up training. The Research and Extension Centers and County Offices may work with fire departments, hospitals, or outside vendors for this training.

7. Adjourn

## TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

- Safety Reports/Updates
- Safety Training Updates
- Seasonal safety topics

## Q and A

- 1) Where is the Hazard Assessment sheet? On the EHS website or the CAHNRS Operations Safety Training web site. It is called a Safety Inspection Checklist.  
<https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/documents/2017/10/2-50-self-inspection-checklist.pdf/>
- 2) What are the 6 trainings that all new employees should watch? The six required trainings can be found listed with links at <https://operations.cahnrs.wsu.edu/safety-training/>

- [Back Injury and Safety Prevention](#)
- [Slips, trips and Falls](#)
- [Emergency and Fire Safety Preparedness](#)
- [Portable Fire Extinguisher Safety](#)
- [Office Ergonomics](#)
- [Asbestos Hazard Awareness](#)

- 3) Is a portable AED different than the ones we have in our office/shop area? It is a red unit that can easily be carried. Does a portable one have more stuff included with it besides just an AED?  
[A portable AED is basically the same as a stationary one, it just comes with a bag or carrying case rather than a wall-mounted cabinet.](#)