

CAHNRS College-Level Safety Committee Agenda

March 8, 2022

1. Kat Odell is leading today's meeting

Attendees: Kat Odell, Kiwamu Tanaka, Wycliffe Nyongesa, Jessica Pestana Wiest, Shawn Ringo, Herbert Lengel, Mike Costa, Deb Pehrson, Jennifer Kiser, Michael Chapman, Dan Gorton, David Gang

- “Spot the Hazards” L & I Calendars available for download on their website-get one for your work space!
- https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F417-280-000_2022.pdf
- Walked through January, February, and March “Spot the Hazards”

2. Ladder Safety, Poison Prevention, Eye Wellness, and Brain Injury Awareness Month:

- There are numerous online trainings that help better inform employees and supervisors how to mitigate hazards in these areas. Make an effort to schedule time to review and recommend these to those in your work groups.
<https://hrs.wsu.edu/training/>

3. Incidents/Injuries

- Entomology, employee was stacking honey supers onto a pallet and then use the forklift to load that pallet onto the truck. The employee hurt their back lifting the supers. Required a doctor's visit and chiropractor treatment. [\(Lift in teams or with proper ergonomics. There are lifting aides available for purchase for heavy lifting work, such as straps.\)](#)
- CAHNRS Operations, employee was walking down the stairs from the 2nd floor to the basement when they tripped on the stairs and fell down a few steps. They attempted to use their body to shield the fall. The employee landed on their left shoulder, left elbow, twisted their left ankle, and hit the back of their head. An ankle brace was needed. [\(Use the hand rail.\)](#)
- Ag and Natural Resources, Clark County Extension, employee was standing in the doorway of the workshop when a gust of wind caught the door and caused a hydraulic controller for a tractor that was placed over the doorway to fall directly on them. It struck them on the left side of the head, neck, and shoulder. No outward injury but was in a good deal of pain. [\(Avoid hanging bulky things overhead, especially around doorways or windows.\)](#)
- Puyallup Research and Extension Center, employee was working with an alcohol lamp in the cabinet to sterilize tools when alcohol began seeping from the lamp and was ignited by the lamp flame. The flame spread down the lamp and onto the stainless steel surface of the cabinet. The employee quickly discharged a small amount from the nearest fire extinguisher and put out the fire. [Good work!](#)
- School of Food Science, employee was autoclaving media in glass bottles for an experiment when one glass bottle exploded suddenly, and the broken glass injured

the second nail of their left foot. First Aid performed and the employee went to the emergency room. (Use proper apparel for working in a lab environment – closed toe shoes.)

Dan mentioned Mt. Vernon has created a form for “Near Misses, “ so that hazards can be addressed before they become incidents.

4. Training - <https://hrs.wsu.edu/training/>
 - Tutorial on how to find the online trainings.
 - Online WSU training reviewed today is: Portable Fire Extinguisher Training (located on the first page)

5. Adjourn

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

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