

CAHNRS College-Level Safety Committee Meeting Notes

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1. "Spot the Hazards" L & I Calendars available for download on their website-get one for your work space!
 1. https://www.lni.wa.gov/forms-publications/F417-280-000_2022.pdf
 2. Let's walk through April "Spot the Hazards"

2. National Distracted Driving and Work Zone Awareness Month:
 1. 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. CAHNRS 2021 Incidents Review and Discussion:
 1. 59 total incidents reported for CAHNRS and Extension in 2021
 - i. 14 were OSHA reportable
 - ii. Injuries:
 1. 35 were non-student employees, 17 student employees, 5 student only, 3 volunteer only
 2. Departments
 - a. Animal Sciences = 9
 - b. Biological Systems Engineering = 2
 - c. Children's Center = 2
 - d. Creamery = 4
 - e. Extension = 8
 - f. Food Sciences = 4
 - g. Horticulture = 3
 - h. IBC = 3
 - i. Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center = 6
 - j. Plant Pathology = 2
 - k. Plant Introduction = 2
 - l. Prosser Research and Extension Center = 9
 - m. Puyallup = 1
 - n. Unspecific Department = 1
 - o. Wenatchee Research and Extension Center = 3
 - iii. Causes:
 1. Bodily reaction or exertion = 13
 2. Contact with objects or equipment = 25
 3. Exposure to harmful substances or environments = 14
 4. Falls = 7

4. Incidents/Injuries since the last meeting:

1. Wenatchee R & E Center – Employee was standing on a pear block to look at the pear buds. A sprayer was being used in an adjacent block at least 100 yards away. Lime Sulfur from the sprayer drifted into the employee’s nose and eye. Irrigation of the affected areas was performed (be aware of wind and other conditions that may put you in harm’s way.)
2. Puyallup Research and Extension Center – Employee was using a floor buffer when it got out of their control and affected their shoulder. No treatment necessary.
3. Creamery – An employee noticed during an “add acid” step of a process that acid was spraying across the room toward the door when the pump was active. They paused the process equipment, donned safety glasses and chemical gloves, investigated the leak, tightened the connection, and tested the process. The leak appeared in a new direction, so the employee halted the process, removed clothing, and activated the safety shower. Department will install a clear shield in front of the hoses so that in the event of another cracked hose the spray would be blocked before getting to anyone. Employee had chemical spray on face and arms, but was able to flush it quickly away and no further treatment was needed.
4. Mount Vernon Research and Extension Center, WSU Extension Skagit County – Employee was measuring a space in the newly installed parking lot when they fell very hard and landed on their shoulder. They were taken to the hospital for assessment.

5. Training - <https://policies.wsu.edu/prf/sppm-contents/>

- Online WSU training today is an SPPM Treasure Hunt
 - What does SPPM stand for?
 - What Chapter of the SPPM talks about driving?
 - How often should safety self-inspections be performed?
 - What does PPE stand for?
 - What required postings are needed for a safety bulletin board?
 - What training is required annually when the temperature increases, what
 - Where can you find information on laboratory signage?
 - What does APP stand for?
 - Where can you find the CAHNRS APP?
 - What are six types of combustible materials described in the SPPM and what is the chapter?

6. Adjourn

TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA

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