

Safety and Health Committee

Roles and Responsibilities

For Cornerstone Comp Members

In order to promote better communication between employees and management, a Safety & Health Committee has been established for Member Name operations. Its primary function is to serve as a two-way channel of communication and to promote safety awareness throughout the workplace.

ORGANIZATION

The Safety & Health Committee should consist of the Safety Coordinator, Associate Coordinator, and a variety of employees in both management and non-management roles:

Safety Coordinator

Associate Safety Coordinator

- Custodial staff member
- Shop staff member, if applicable
- Teaching staff member, if applicable
- Pastoral/Ministry staff member, if applicable
- Coaching staff member, if applicable

The Employee Safety & Health Committee will meet monthly. The meeting will be chaired by the Safety Coordinator or Associate Safety Coordinator. Should a scheduled meeting have to be postponed, it will be held later in the month, on a date and at a time determined by the Safety Coordinator.

FUNCTION

The Safety & Health Committee has the following functions:

1. Conduct Safety/Housekeeping inspection(s) of one or more departments as part of each meeting.
2. Review and update safety rules and safe operating procedures.
3. Review accidents and "near miss" incidents reported since the last meeting, and suggest means for preventing future occurrences.
4. Convey, review and comment on safety suggestions submitted by Employees.
5. Plan and carry out various safety promotion activities (such as contests, award programs, etc.).
6. Promote safety awareness among all employees through safe attitudes and day-to-day interactions.
7. Review safety impacts of equipment/facility changes and multi-shift operations.

When selecting members, take into account an employee's personal experience with safety. Someone from a specific work area with a history of accident or injury problems can bring valuable insights to the Committee. Volunteers or individuals who show they have an interest in safety are also good candidates. Likewise, individuals with a good safety record can bring their own experience to the group.

Rotate membership so that members exposed to Safety & Health Committee issues are "circulated" back into the workforce and others are brought in.

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Occasionally, specialists or consultants may be added to the Committee to address a specific situation or problem. Also, ad hoc subcommittees may be used to analyze and formulate recommendations on a particular problem.

The Safety & Health Committee should also be involved with developing SAFETY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS and in recognizing individual employees who have contributed to safety efforts and positive results.

Written documentation of Safety & Health Committee meetings should be maintained. A log or written minutes should be taken at each meeting. Meetings should follow a standard agenda.