

HEALTH & SAFETY

Source: Ohio Public Employee Risk Reduction Program (PERRP)

National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA), American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

Contact: Office of Labor and Safety

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Health and Safety Policy

1. The Ohio EPA (Agency) will comply with applicable Federal, State, and Local safety rules and regulations.
2. The Agency will provide all employees a place of employment that is free from hazards and physical conditions that cause or are likely to cause death or serious harm.
3. All employees will comply with all PERRP standards, Agency policies, and Safety Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) that are applicable to their specific job duties and responsibilities.
4. The Agency will appoint a qualified individual, or individuals, to be responsible for the development, management, and coordination of the Agency's health and safety programs. This includes coordinating the various Division/Office field safety programs.
5. Each Division/Office will ensure that they have instituted a safety program which fulfills the responsibilities outlined in the various Agency safety policy and procedures. In addition, a contact person needs to be identified to coordinate the Division/Office program.
6. The Office of Labor and Safety will establish and maintain an Agency Safety intranet site. This site will include this Agency safety policy, procedures, and SOP's addressing worker safety and health. The site can be found at:
http://epaintra.epa.state.oh.us/ols/html/health_and_safety.html
7. The Agency has a goal of reducing and eliminating employee injuries and illnesses that are occupationally related.
8. All Ohio EPA facilities will be inspected annually to ensure compliance with building, fire, and safety standards.
9. The Agency will develop and maintain an accident reporting and recordkeeping system as required by the PERRP.
10. The Agency will perform ergonomic inspections, correct conditions and modify work practices that do not meet recognized safety and/or health standards.
11. The Agency will have a Statewide Health and Safety Committee and will follow the principles mutually agreed to in the collective bargaining agreement.

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