



## UO Safety Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date: July 20, 2023**

**Attendees** ("X" indicates meeting attendance):

Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT	
Theodora Ko Thompson	Admissions	X	Ben Bythell	EHS	X	Farrah Meade	Housing	
Devon Shea	Athletics		Pascale Voelker	EHS	X	Kyle Harshbarger	OHAZ	
Krista Osburn	Athletics		Laurie Graham	EHS	X	Al Dias	PE & REC	
Charles Dougherty	Athletics		Seth Sponcey	EHS	X	Cody Weaver	PE & REC	X
Scott Clarke	CoD		Steve Stuckmeyer	EHS		Trisha Lijana	RISK	
Jeffrey Billington	CoD	X	Celia Marie Nittmann	ELR		Tiffany Lee	RISK	X
Kevin Farthing	CPFM	X	Brittany Jayne	ELR	X	Lisa Taylor	RISK	
Brad Johnson	CPFM		Mike Barr	EMU		Deb Donning	RISK	
Michael Philly	CPFM		David Flock	EMU	X	Molly Kennedy	SRS	
Ruby Thompson	CPFM	X	Wade Young-Jelinek	EMU		Rhonda Reed	TS	X
Julie Quelch	EC Cares	X	Errol Kaylor	GTFF	X	Shawn Kahl	UA*	
Justin Zunker	EHS	X	Christina Cauley	GTFF	X	Dean Walton	UA	X
Kersey Bars	EHS	X	Leslie Selcer	GTFF		Debra McLaughlin	UHS	
Haily Griffith	EHS	X	Ruben Moreno Eusse	Housing		Carl Peaster	UOPD	X

\*Indicates University Advancement

### INJURY REPORT

**INCIDENT 5:** This incident refers to an employee who struck their hand with a sledgehammer while hammering stakes into the ground. Justin will be recommending using a hammer to get the stake in place before using a sledgehammer. Dean asked if it was one person or two people and that he recommends using a tool to keep the hands away. Haily replied that it was one person. Christina commented in the chat that a softer rubber mallet might be sufficient and lower the risk of injury.

**INCIDENT 14:** Haily advised to reach out to Work Control ([workcontrolcenter@uoregon.edu](mailto:workcontrolcenter@uoregon.edu); 541-346-2319) if you notice bees gathering in an area.

**INCIDENT 23:** This was an employee working in a vacant student room and was working two rungs up (24 inches) on a ladder to clean the blinds and the bracket holding the blinds broke and swung down and cut their leg, and the swinging blinds resulted in the employee falling off the ladder. Haily explained that we recommend that employees use a high reaching tool to clean blinds. Theo pointed out that brackets typically do not break and wanted to know if and asked about ladder safety training. Haily added that every year EHS conducts a half day training at Housing, which includes ladder safety.

**INCIDENT 28:** An employee was cut, when a sharp object punctured through the trash bag they were tying. Haily explained to the committee that our custodians are good at not compacting or billowing the trash, because those can cause the air from the trash to blow into their face. Theo asked what type of trash could potentially be in that bin and how broken knives should be disposed of, which can be disposed of in a sharps container. Haily explained that we have



[glass safety sheet](#) and Seth added that we can recycle laboratory glass. Justin and Laurie have been working on a safety sheet for laboratory glass. During our discussion about Incident 28, David asked about the procedure if a UO employee is hurt on UO property, but not during their working hours and if they must file a worker's comp claim. Haily explained that since it did not happen during work, they do not have to fill out a workers comp claim, but since it may be a hazard to campus, Haily explained that we have [Third Party Reporting form](#) (for reporting incidents that are not work related, like an employee not at work, or that happened to a guest, visitor, etc) and [Report a Concern form](#).

## REVIEW MINUTES

The meeting minutes for July 2023 have been approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Q4 Follow up from March 2023:** Justin has confirmed that this is complete, so this has been resolved and can be removed from the minutes.

**Helmets and E-Scooters:** Campus partners have reported to Ruby that the scooters are in the way (blocking sidewalks, ramps on to the sidewalks, and doorways) and impacting people with mobility issues. Haily explained that we recommend that everybody should wear a helmet whenever they ride a bike or scooters, but when an employee is using a bike or scooter for a work-related issue, they are required to wear a helmet. As for the scooters, Haily added that the app that allows people to rent scooters also has an option where you can report scooters in places that they should not be. Cody asked if there was an update of people storing personal transportation vehicles in buildings, Haily said that there was no update, and it will probably not be until after fall term, but there are ongoing efforts to find appropriate and lockable spaces that meet the electrical and fire needs. David Flock commented that the EMU adopted a UO policy about how any personal transportation device that has a battery cannot be stored in a campus building. They can be stored in a bike locker, but that they do have to pay for it (\$60) and that if you purchase parking on campus, is that it does not carry forward to bike parking.

## Wildfire Smoke and Heat Illness:

These topics will remain on the minutes through the end of the summer.

**UPDATE:** Ruby explained that with the fires in the south, WCC has been receiving calls and concerns about the AQI for today (07/20).

### RESOURCES:

[Safety Sheet – Wildfire Smoke](#), [Safety Sheet - Heat Illness – Prevention](#), [Safety Sheet - Heat Illness - Regulations](#)

## Inflatables:

A question was raised in the last meeting about the use of inflatables (since they generate heat) during the summer. There were no updates on this, and it has been resolved, so it can be removed from the minutes.

## Hammocks:

Justin had seen people attaching a hammock from a light pole to a tree and EHS had attached a sign to the light pole cautioning people from using it. There was no update on this, but it has not been resolved, so it will be staying on the minutes.

## EC Care Safety Committee:

There were no updates on this, but it has not been resolved, so it will be staying on the minutes.



#### **Footwear Policy:**

There were no updates on this, but it has not been resolved, so it will be staying on the minutes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Heat Safety Standards**

Christina asked about the new heat safety standards for when the air conditioning in a building breaks and the timeline for the repairs. Haily answered by saying that the regulation explains that if the building does not have filtered air that we must monitor it. For example, 1715 Franklin has HVAC systems (mechanically serviced), if the system breaks, then EHS would treat the building as a non-mechanically serviced building and would follow the regulation about monitoring.

##### **Introduction of New Members:**

We welcomed several new members to the SAC team!

Christina Cauley, Errol Kaylor, and Leslie Selcer are representing GTFF.

Carl Peaster, Director of Physical Security, representing UOPD.

Pascale Voelker, Laboratory Safety Officer, representing EHS.

##### **Incident Investigation Training:**

Will happen during the same time as the August SAC meeting. The first 15 minutes will be a quick meeting and the next hour will be the SAIF Incident Investigation Training hosted by Jeff Pfeifer. It will be held in-person at 1715 Franklin, room 271 and will be catered with pastries and beverages. Since this will be catered, please RSVP to the August calendar invite for the SAC meeting, so we can get an approximate attendance number.

##### **Fall Protection Lending Library:**

Justin explained that the Fall Protection Lending Library, which is based on the Ergonomic Lending Library, where we have specialized equipment that will help employees address unusual spots. This was created with the intention that if somebody needs specialized equipment, we can go through a safety plan and help employees perform their job as safely as possible. This is still in progress, but once it is finalized, we will have a training.

##### **Chemical List for Mailing Safety Board**

Dean talked advised that if people are interested in lab and factory problems, that they consider getting on to the Chemical Safety Board mailing list and that they review of every major incident and create videos of what happens and what can be improved and included a link to a video, which can be found [HERE](#).

##### **August Safety Training**

Confined Space Entrant & Attendant – 1 session available (required for confined space entry)\*\*

Thursday, July 27th 10:00 – 11:30am

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructor: Haily Griffith

Sign up [HERE](#) for the in-person session!

August Safety Training (In Person):

Hazard Identification – 2 sessions available

Tuesday, August 8th 8:00 – 9:00am or Tuesday, August 15th 8:30 – 9:30am

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructor: Justin Zunker

Sign up [HERE](#) for either session!



Respiratory Protection – 1 session available (required annually for employees who use a respirator)

Tuesday, August 8th 9:00 – 10:00am

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructors: Haily Griffith & Kersey Bars

Sign up [HERE](#) for the in-person session!

Respiratory Protection is also available online ([HERE](#)) if you can't attend the in-person training.

August Safety Sheets (For Department Use):

Week 1: [Important Phone Numbers \(English\)](#)

Week 2: [CPR and First Aid Training \(English\)](#)

Week 3: [Emergency Contacts \(English\)](#)

[Emergency Contacts \(Spanish\)](#)

Week 4: [Earthquakes \(English\)](#)