Health & Safety

PURPOSE

Oregon State University Extension Service strives to provide a healthy and safe work environment for its employees, students, clients, and volunteers. The purpose of this Extension Service Rule is to protect human health, the work environment, and ensure compliance of the OSU Safety Policy and Procedure Manual.

Health and safety should be a concern to everyone in OSU Extension Service since our mutual efforts and vigilance are necessary to eliminate incidents that result in personal injury and loss of property. Through the dedicated efforts of everyone involved, we can strive to maintain a safe and healthy environment while accomplishing the mission of OSU Extension Service and Oregon State University.

EXTENSION SERVICE RULE

Oregon State University Extension Service will make reasonable efforts to provide a safe and healthful working environment for its employees, students, clients, volunteers, and others who may utilize our facilities and/or those facilities contracted through the OSU Contract Services Office for our use on behalf of OSU Extension Service.

Anyone engaged in OSU Extension Service related activities must exercise personal responsibility and care to prevent injury and illness to themselves and others who may be affected by their acts or omissions. No person shall intentionally interfere with or misuse anything provided by OSU Extension Service in the interests of health and safety. Individuals are required to have the proper training for the safe operation and use of university facilities, equipment and supplies as well as animal handling. Faculty and staff administrators will be held accountable for fulfilling their safety responsibilities. Flagrant disregard of the University safety policies and procedures may result in disciplinary actions.

Priority should be given to safe working conditions and job safety practices in the planning, budgeting, direction and implementation of OSU Extension Service activities.

Oregon State University provides a Safety Policy and Procedure Manual. All OSU Extension Service employees should read this OSU policy with particular attention to the SAF 101 OSU Health and Safety Policy, the SAF 103 OSU Safety Program, and SAF 200 Workplace Safety.
PROCEDURES

The University Health and Safety Committee serves the health and safety concerns for Oregon State University, including the Extension Service units.

While ultimately served by the UHSC, the Extension Off-Campus Safety Compliance Team was established to meet the health and safety concerns for off-campus Oregon State University Extension Service units.

The OSU Extension Service’s Safety & Risk Management website provides information to our faculty and staff on safety issues. All faculty and staff should be made aware of this website.

These websites provide information on the applicable policies and procedures, and the reporting requirements.