College of Forestry 100: Introduction

Safety Policy & Procedure Manual
Section 100: College of Forestry Safety Program
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this section is to define responsibilities and expectations for safe working procedures in all College of Forestry activities. Within this section a) a Safety Code is established and defined, b) The College safety committee is established, and c) The College of Forestry Safety Program is established as policy.

Background Information

To all members of the College Community;

The College of Forestry is committed to providing a safe environment for our students, faculty, staff, and visitors. Safety is the business and responsibility of every campus citizen and can be better achieved through proper education, training, use of protective equipment, and enforcement of safety rules. The responsibility begins at the working level and extends upward through Supervisors, Managers, Directors, Department Heads/Service Group Leaders, and Deans to the highest level of administration. It is essential that each of you takes an active part in initiating preventative measures to control and eliminate hazards associated with activities under your direction.

The Forestry Executive Committee asks that each member of the College accepts the challenge of maintaining an accident-free and safe environment. It is your positive safety attitude, your knowledge of safe practices, and your actions that will determine the success of our safety program.

Implementing a systematic approach to workplace safety will require a cultural change in many units, among colleagues, and within the profession. All departments in the College need to nurture a "safety culture." College policy and individual work practice must dictate that safety never take a back seat to other interests. No one should be asked – and no one should tolerate – a potentially disabling or life-threatening risk in the name of cost-cutting, productivity or any other priority. Safety considerations must be an integral part of the operating policies of every department.