
Ohio State University Physics Department Safety Policy

Safety Policy

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1.0 Overview

The Department is committed to the safe conduct of its operations and considers the safety and health of individuals of critical importance and among its highest priorities. The Department strives to teach appropriate respect for safety while engaging in scientific pursuits and encourages a robust Safety Culture.

2.0 Physics Department Safety Policy

The Department endeavors to provide a high standard of occupational safety and health for its faculty, staff, students, and visitors to the facility in association with its research, teaching, service, and business activities.

The Department aims to create this safe and healthy environment through alignment with University safety and health policies and best practices.

The Department is also committed to working closely with Environmental Health and Safety group and other stake holders to fulfill this objective.

The Department demonstrates commitment by adhering closely to the following policy statements:

Safety & Health Culture - strive to build and sustain a positive safety and health culture in the department by integrating safety & health in all aspects of its operation and embracing it as a core value.

Accident Prevention - aim for eliminating incidents/accidents by actively identifying and evaluating safety & health risks; and effectively managing them to prevent occurrences.

Legal Compliance - comply with the applicable EHS policies, directives, and standards.

Training & Education - ensure staff and students are competent to conduct work activities in a safe manner by equipping them with necessary safety knowledge and by verifying attendance in all mandatory safety training required by the University.

Continual Improvement - review the Department's safety & health performance regularly and revise the safety program accordingly to achieve continual improvement.

3.0 EHS Safety Directives – Dispute Management

When deemed appropriate by the Safety Committee, the Department may challenge EHS policies and/or directives to protect its operational efficiencies or other interests. The goal of such challenges will be a manageable compromise to the particular policy or directive that preserves the safety intent desired by EHS and the operational efficiency needed by the Department.

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4.0 Program Approval / Directive

The Safety and Infrastructure Committee recommends the policy described herein for approval and implementation.

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Safety and Infrastructure Committee Chair

10/02/2019

Date:

The policy described herein is approved and I hereby direct that it be implemented as described.

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Department Chair

10/02/2019

Date: