FPM Safety Policies & Procedures

Asbestos Awareness:

Immediately contact the appropriate Zone Manager regarding the disturbance of asbestos containing materials in buildings. In addition, building surveys should be reviewed prior to renovations or maintenance work to determine if there is a possibility of disturbing asbestos containing material. Asbestos Awareness training is required annually. The following are examples of materials that could contain asbestos:

Pipe insulation, plaster, textured surfacing material, fire retardant spray-on, joint compound, floor tiles, mastic, cements, building siding, roof shingles, fire rated doors, laboratory fume hoods.

If you have questions contact your Zone Manager or Environmental Health & Safety.

Training:

Health & Safety Awareness training is offered on-line and/or through scheduled live sessions. Additional training may be necessary for employees that need more specialized training (e.g. forklift, electric arch flash, respiratory protection, confined space entry, etc.). In addition, Zone Managers or designated staff may conduct specific training (e.g. power tool safety etc.).

Training shall occur when an employee is hired, when an employee’s work duties change or when a new hazard is introduced into the workplace.

Respiratory Protection:

You may be required to wear a respirator for specific job duties. Respirators include dust masks, air-purifying negative pressure respirators, self-contained breathing apparatus respirators, powered air-purifying respirator. You are required to have a medical exam, a respiratory fit-test and training if a respirator is used.

University Safety Policies & Procedures:

Several Health & Safety Policies have been developed to provide guidance for workplace safety issues. These programs are necessary to ensure compliance with Local, State & Federal regulations. The following are some of the Safety Policies available:

– Asbestos Management
– Confined Space Entry
– Fall Protection
– Hearing Conservation
– Hotwork & Red Tag Policy
– Lockout/Tagout
– Respiratory Protection

The Safety Policies and Procedures are available in each Zone Shop. In addition, the Safety Policies & Procedures and other safety resources are available on the Facilities Planning & Management website @ http://facilities.wustl.edu and Environmental Health & Safety’s Website @ http://ehs.wustl.edu

**Hearing Protection:**

If your work areas or specific job tasks have been designated as requiring hearing protection, you must wear approved protective equipment (e.g. ear plugs, ear muffs). Ipods and personal radios are not considered hearing protection and are not allowed in the work area. If you have questions about high noise levels in your work area contact your Zone Manager or contact Environmental Health & Safety.

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