

Health and Safety Plan

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I Safety Policy Statement

It is the policy of this company to work continually toward improving our Health and Safety Policy as well as our health and safety procedures.

It is the company's intent to provide a safe and healthy working environment in all areas, for all employees. Controlling the work environment and the actions of employees prevents accidents, injuries and illnesses. Therefore, safety will take precedence over expediency or shortcuts. Every attempt will be made to reduce the possibility of accidents, injuries or illnesses. Protection of employees, the public and company property and operation is paramount. Management considers no phase of the operation more important than the health and safety of the employees.

Employee health and safety is to be the first consideration in the operation of the business. Safe work practices on the part of the employees must be part of all operations. Employees must understand their personal responsibility for the prevention of workplace injuries or illnesses. Injury and illness prevention go hand-in-hand with efficient production. ***All workplace injuries and illnesses should be prevented!***

Management will continue to be guided and motivated by this policy, and with the cooperation of all employees, will actively pursue a safe and healthy working environment throughout the company.

(Management)

Assignment of Responsibilities

The _____ will be the primary person responsible for the implementation and enforcement of the Company Health and Safety Policy. In the absence of the _____, the _____ will assume responsibility for enforcing the policy.

The _____ will be responsible for maintaining all records and documentation for the Health and Safety Policy. This records will include by not be limited to safety meeting minutes, training, incident investigations and hazard identification reports.

II Accident/Injury Analysis Component

The _____ (*management*) and _____ will review all accident investigation reports, hazard reports, incident reports, inspection reports and the OSHA 300 log (if it is required that the OSHA 300 log be kept) on a quarterly basis, or as needed, to identify any trends in incidents or hazards.

The _____ will recommend corrective actions to be taken to prevent recurrence of similar incidents or hazards. The _____ will be responsible for implementing corrective actions and for tracking the status of the corrective actions.

Documentation of these reviews will be retained by the _____ for a period of no less than 12 months.

III Safety Program Recordkeeping Component

The _____ will be responsible for maintaining all documentation of training, incident/accident reports, OSHA logs, hazard reports, and any other documentation incidental to implementation of the Health and Safety Plan.

Blank forms for all safety related training and documentation will be available in the _____.

Illness/Injury Records

A log will be maintained of all work-related injuries or illnesses. This log will be maintained by the _____. The log will be kept at _____. All work-related injuries or illnesses will be recorded in the log within 24 hours from the time management was notified of their occurrence.

The summary portion of the OSHA 300 log will be posted from February 1st to April 30th each year in a place where employee notices are normally posted.

Injury records will be retained for a period of five (5) calendar years.

Other Records

Inspection records will be kept in the _____.
Safety meeting and training records will be kept in the _____.
Accident investigation records will be kept in the _____.

IV Health and Safety Education and Training Component

The _____ will be responsible for identifying the education and training needs of this facility on an annual basis.

Employees will attend monthly safety meetings/training that will be conducted by the _____. All employees will attend the following training:

1. Hazard Communication
2. Safety Equipment
3. Housekeeping
4. CPR/First Aid
5. Equipment Guarding
6. Personal Protective Equipment
7. Fire Extinguishers
8. Lock Out/Tag Out
9. Forklift Training*

*Forklift training will be provided to the employees whose job responsibilities include operating forklifts.

Refresher training on these health and safety topics will be given annually, or as needed.

Safety meetings and safety training will be documented and records will be maintained by the _____ for a period of 24 months or as required by law or directives.

Documentation will include:

1. Date of training
2. Name of trainer
3. Subject(s) covered
4. Attendance roster with employee's signatures (Appendix A)

All required training will be per OSHA or other directing guidelines. Specialized training (such as Forklift and Hazard Communication) will be provided and documented before employees are required to perform tasks that could potentially expose them to health and safety concerns.

New employee orientation will include all of the above-mentioned health and safety training topics. New employees will receive Hazard Communication training before being allowed to work with potentially hazardous chemicals. Refresher training will be given annually and/or as needed when new hazardous materials are introduced into the workplace.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), as required by the Hazard Communication Standard, will be available to all employees.

V. Safety Inspection Component

The _____ will be responsible for conducting and documenting _____ (*weekly or monthly*) safety inspections within the facility. Items to be checked are listed on the Self-Inspection Form (Appendix B). Records of these inspections will be kept by the _____ at _____.

Employees are responsible for inspecting their workstations for potential hazards (Appendix C). Potential and/or actual hazards will be documented by _____, who refer them to proper staff for further investigation and resolution. Hand and power tools will be inspected daily to identify any hazardous conditions prior to beginning work.

The _____ will be responsible for conducting daily and weekly inspections of the workplace and for correcting any identified hazards.

Safety inspection reports, including recommended corrective actions and actions actually taken to correct the problems, will be maintained by the _____ at _____ until all identified problems are corrected or for 12 months, whichever is longer.

Documentation of safety inspection reports will include:

1. Date of inspection
2. Name of inspector/inspection team
3. Problems found
4. Person responsible for implementing corrective actions
5. Estimated date of completion of corrective actions.
6. Summary of corrective actions taken and date the actions were actually completed.

If applicable, any vehicles being operated will be inspected thoroughly by the driver before use (Appendix D).

VI Accident Investigation Component

An accident can be defined as any occurrence that interrupts or interferes with the orderly progress of the job and usually occurs suddenly and unexpectedly. Some accidents involve human injury. Accidents arise from a combination of unsafe acts and unsafe conditions.

The intent of an accident investigation should be to determine what basic condition or act caused the accident to occur so corrective measures can be taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The intent of an accident investigation is not to identify a guilty party.

Accidents should be investigated as soon as possible and at least within the first 24 hours of the occurrence. The sooner information is gathered, the more accurate the facts will likely be.

Accident Investigation Procedures

1. Investigations are required on all accidents, including those “near misses” not producing injuries. “Near misses” will be documented on an accident report and forwarded to the _____ and _____ for review. “Near misses” are reviewed to determine if a recurring hazard exists. Therefore, they must be thoroughly investigated and reported. Accidents that do not produce injury have probably produced other job hindrances, such as delays, damaged material, damaged equipment, etc
2. All accidents are to be investigated and documented by the _____ (*management*) and _____ of the employee involved. Investigations will be conducted as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after the accident.
3. Accident reports will be forwarded to the _____ and _____ for review. All incident reports, hazard reports, accident investigation reports and inspection checklists will be reviewed by company management to determine if trends are occurring.
4. Written accident investigation reports will be filed in a log in the _____ where it is available for review. The accident investigation process is documented by _____ and will be retained for a period of 24 months or as required by law or directives (Appendix E).

The steps for a thorough and effective investigation include:

1. Gather facts about the accident: **what** happened, **who** was involved, **where** did it occur, **when** did it occur, **how** did it happen, **why** did it happen.
2. Interview the employee(s) involved, if possible.
3. Have the involved employee(s) explain, step-by-step, the sequence of events leading up to the accident.
4. Locate, interview and obtain statements from any witnesses.
5. Take pictures or draw diagrams of the accident scene. Don't rely on memory; the accident scene may change.
6. Evaluate any evidence found at the scene and reconstruct the events leading up to the accident.
7. Do not disturb the accident scene until you are satisfied that all information has been gathered and recorded.
8. Before leaving the scene of the accident, take any steps necessary to prevent another accident: put up warning signs and/or barricades, repair equipment, lockout/tagout equipment, etc.
9. Re-interview involved employee(s) or witnesses, if necessary.
10. Determine what corrective actions are needed.
11. Prepare a written, detailed report before leaving for the day, including recommendations for corrective actions.
12. Determine if the same or a similar accident could occur in other areas of the facility with conditions, practices, procedures, etc., similar to those in which the accident occurred.
13. Follow-up on recommended corrective actions to make sure they are implemented and effective.

Once the investigation is completed, the report and recommendations for corrective actions must be directed to the appropriate person for review and implementation. The review committee will consist of:

1. Immediate supervisor of the employee involved
2. _____
3. Others as deemed necessary by the _____

Each person involved in the review process is responsible for assuring thorough investigations and following up on corrective action(s) to make sure it is (they are) implemented in a timely fashion and effective once implemented.

VII Health and Safety Plan Review

The _____ (*management*) and _____ will review the Health and Safety Plan during the first month of each calendar year. This review will determine if all areas of potential hazard and/or exposure are addressed in the Health and Safety Plan. Any new hazards identified during the review will be included in the Health and Safety Plan. Employees will receive immediate training when required.

Annual reviews will be documented showing the date of review, any new areas of exposure identified, and the name and title of the reviewers. Annual review documentation will be maintained by the _____. (Appendix F). These records will be kept at _____.

Appendix B

Self-Inspection Form

Date of Inspection: _____

Location or Department(s) Inspected: _____

Signature: _____

		Yes	No
1. Housekeeping	Is the work area clean and orderly?		
2. Floors	Are floors in good condition: smooth, clean surfaces, without holes, cracks or humps?		
3. Aisles	Are aisles and passageways clear, dry and free of tripping hazards?		
4. Stairways	Are stairs in good condition, with handrails and adequate lighting?		
5. Storage	Are materials, products, or supplies properly and safely stored to a workable height?		
6. Ladders	Are ladders provided here needed, of standard construction, and in good physical condition?		
7. Machines & Equipment	Are machines and equipment in safe operating condition? Are the necessary guards provided and used?		
8. Hand Tools	Are the right tools for the job being used? Are they in good condition?		
9. Electrical	Are all required grounds provided on power tools and extension cords? Is equipment in good operating condition?		
10. Lighting	Is adequate lighting provided in all work areas?		
11. Eye Protection	Are all employees provided with suitable eye protection when around operations that produce eye hazards?		
12. First Aid	Are first aid supplies provided if needed?		
13. Fire Extinguishers	Are fire extinguishers easily accessible, unblocked, and properly serviced/		
14. Entrances	Are entrances kept dry or provided with nonskid mats		
15. Exits	Are emergency exits marked, clear, and easily accessible? Are exit doors unlocked and do they swing toward the outside?		
16. Exterior (sidewalks, parking lots, etc.)	Are sidewalks and parking lots smooth and free of cracks, holes and tripping hazards?		
17. Lifting/Material Handling	Are all employees trained in proper lifting techniques and material handling?		
18. Signs	Are safety instructions and warning signs posted where needed?		

Appendix D

Vehicle Inspections

1.	Tires and Wheels:	Satisfactory	Needs Servicing
	Correct air pressure		
	Tires free of wear		
	Rims free of damage		
	All lugs present and tight		
	Properly matched tires		
2.	Lights		
	Turn on lights – use low beams		
	Check high beams, left and right turn signals, break lights and parking lights		
3.	Brakes		
	Parking brake: apply parking brake with vehicle moving slowly. Vehicle should stop		
	Service brake: push brake pedal firmly with vehicle going about 5 miles per hour. Vehicle should stop with no pulling to one side or delayed stopping action.		
	Test steering with vehicle moving. Steering should be smooth and consistent with no play in the steering wheel.		
4.	Emergency Equipment		
	Flags, jack, flares or other warning devices, flashlight, fire extinguisher, wheel blocks. etc. Check to see that supplies are in good working order.		
	Spare tire properly inflated		
5	Inside of Vehicle		
	Check mirrors, windshield wipers, panel gauges, horn. Adjust seat for comfort. Adjust side mirrors		
	Make sure cargo is properly secured.		
6.	Under Hood		
	Fluid levels: oil, water, brake fluid, windshield washer fluid, battery fluid		
	Condition of belts. Look for loose or frayed belts.		
	Hoses: Check for loose or disconnected hoses.		
	Check under vehicle for leaking fluids		

Appendix E

Accident Investigation Form

Employer: _____ Date of this report: _____

Injured Employee: _____ Age: _____

Department/Job Title: _____

Date and time of injury: _____ a.m./ p.m.

Where injury happened: _____

Nature of injury/property damage: _____

Describe the incident (What happened?): _____

Contributing factors: _____

Witnesses: _____

What action(s) are being taken, and by whom, to prevent recurrence of this type of injury?

Was the report to supervisor or first aid delayed? ____ Why? _____

Was medical treatment required? ____ Who administered medical treatment? _____

Where was medical treatment administered? _____

What is the severity potential for lost time? High/Major ____ Medium/Serious ____ Low/Minor ____

Probable Recurrence Rate: Frequent ____ Occasional ____ Rare ____

Supervisor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Investigated by: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed by: _____ Date: _____

Appendix F

Annual Health and Safety Plan Review

Date of Review: _____

New Exposures Identified: _____

Action Taken: _____

Reviewed By:
