

UT ARLINGTON

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICE

The mission of the Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S) is to promote a safe and healthful working, learning, and living environment for the University of Texas Arlington (UT Arlington) community and protect the natural environment against adverse impact. EH&S provides services that support and enhance the University's efforts in research and education by providing technical consultation, training, investigation, and inspection to ensure compliance with applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations.

EH&S is responsible for developing, implementing and administering the following health and safety programs for the University:

- Biological Safety
- Chemical Safety & Hazardous Waste Management
- Authorization to Drive University Vehicles
- Department Safety Liaison (DSL)
- Fire & Life Safety
- Indoor Air Quality
- Occupational & Construction Safety
- Radiation & Laser Safety
- Storm Water Management
- Workers' Compensation

RESPONSIBILITIES

All university employees and students are responsible for safety performance and environmental protection.

UT Arlington Administration

The UT Arlington Administration is responsible for the following:

- Providing the facilities and equipment required for a safe work environment
- Reviewing and approving health and safety policies and protocols
- Correcting safety deficiencies by establishing priorities and committing resources, as appropriate
- Establishing methods for disseminating safety information and policies
- Establishing criteria for implementing safety policies and protocols
- Establishing a system for safety accountability
- Preparing documentation to obtain funding to support Environmental Health and Safety

Supervisors, Department Heads, and Directors

Supervisors, Department Heads, and Directors are responsible for the following:

- Promoting safety and loss prevention
- Controlling or eliminating occupational hazards
- Periodically conducting safety and loss control evaluations
- Ensuring that employees are adequately trained in safety policies and protocols
- Ensuring that employees are provided with appropriate personal protective clothing and equipment for safe job performance

Faculty, Staff, and Students

Faculty, staff, and students are responsible for the following:

- Performing their jobs in the safest prescribed manner
- Eliminating and/or reporting workplace hazards
- Reporting accidents, incidents, and unsafe practices or conditions to supervisors
- Complying with safety and health policies and protocols

Campus Safety Plan

The UT Arlington Safety Plan has been developed as a reference manual. It describes programs, practices, and procedures to be followed to help ensure a safe and healthy environment. It is the intent of the University to comply with all relevant safety and environmental regulations and nationally recognized codes and standards. Using the manual's protocols will complement responsible efforts to foster safe work habits and to maintain safe work environments.

University personnel are encouraged to submit suggestions to the Environmental Health & Safety Office at any time to improve the University's Safety Program. The University of Texas at Arlington is grateful to Texas A & M University, College Station, for allowing us to use their Environmental Health & Safety Manual as a guide in the development of this Plan.