



## UO Safety Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: June 15, 2023

Attendees ("X" indicates meeting attendance):

Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT		Name	DEPT	
Theodora Ko Thompson	Admissions	X	Haily Griffith	EHS	X	Farrah Meade	Housing	
Devon Shea	Athletics		Annette Estevez	EHS		Kyle Harshbarger	OHAZ	
Krista Osburn	Athletics	X	Laurie Graham	EHS	X	Al Dias	PE & REC	
Charles Dougherty	Athletics		Seth Sponcey	EHS	X	Cody Weaver	PE & REC	
Scott Clarke	CoD		Steve Stuckmeyer	EHS		Trisha Lijana	RISK	
Jeffrey Billington	CoD	X	Celia Marie Nittmann	ELR		Lisa Taylor	RISK	
Kevin Farthing	CPFM		Brittany Jayne	ELR	X	Deb Donning	RISK	
Brad Johnson	CPFM	X	Mike Barr	EMU		Molly Kennedy	SRS	
Michael Philly	CPFM		David Flock	EMU		Rhonda Reed	TS	X
Ruby Thompson	CPFM	X	Wade Young-Jelinek	EMU		Shawn Kahl	UA	
Emily Matlock	EC Cares		Courtney Tabor	GTFF		Dean Walton	UA	
Julie Quelch	EC Cares		Aria Radick	GTFF		Debra McLaughlin	UHS	
Justin Zunker	EHS	X	President	GTFF				
Kersey Bars	EHS	X	Ruben Moreno Eusse	Housing				

### INJURY REPORT

**INCIDENT 8:** This incident references an employee who was injured when the exit gate unexpectedly closed and repeatedly struck their vehicle. Theo asked about the gate mechanism and that it malfunctioned Ruby responded by saying that the gate has been pulled out of service and is either in progress of repair or repaired.

**INCIDENT 17:** Justin followed up with Joe Black in housing. They are using an industrial staircase to get closer to the dumpster to offload surplus in Hamilton. The employee got caught on the treads going backwards and that's how they fell.

**INCIDENT 18:** Jeffrey Billington asked about the type of ear plug. Haily clarified that it is a disposable earplug with the end that goes into the ear as foam and plastic on other side and the foam end broke. Jeffrey asked about if there is a brand or style that is more likely to break; Haily commented that she has seen this type of hearing protection break before. Michelle Gillette, Ergonomics and Safety Coordinator, reached out to the employee and discussed different types of hearing protection.

**INCIDENT 22:** This referenced an employee who cut their hand while cutting off the box lid. In an incident report, the employee can make a recommendation and the employee suggested that they would not cut off the box lids any more. However, by cutting off the lids the employee was making their job easier and preventing other types of injuries, so Justin will be following up to discuss box cutter safety and different types of box cutters.



**INCIDENT 28:** Theo asked about relocating the lab coats to a lower level, to prevent other employees from getting hurt. EHS recommends having multiple places where the coats can be hung up. Relatedly, Haily mentioned that EHS will be working with Housing over the summer to reevaluate their shelving situation.

NOTE: Haily gave a shout out to Laurie and various lab spaces, as they have been proactive about reporting issues, which gives us the opportunity to identify trends and implement preventative measures.

## REVIEW MINUTES

The meeting minutes for May 2023 have been approved.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Q4 Follow up from March 2023

Justin followed up and the heaviest trailer, which is the one that has the kayaks, now has the hitch. This can be removed from the minutes.

### Earthquake Ratings Follow Up

There was no update on this, so it has been resolved and can be removed from the minutes.

### Hazardous Waste:

Seth is the only person who is disposing of hazardous waste right now. There was no update on this, so it has been resolved and can be removed from the minutes.

### Not Getting Notified About Tickets:

If you put in a ticket request in the call log, then you should be added as a notifier in the call log. There was no update on this, so it has been resolved and can be removed from the minutes.

### Spanish Safety Sheets:

There was no update on this, so it has been resolved and can be removed from the minutes.

### Helmets and E-Scooters:

There was no update on this, but it will be staying on the minutes since this is an ongoing concern.

### Heat Policy

There is no update on this, but it will be staying on the minutes through the summer.

### Inflatables

A question was raised in the last meeting about the use of inflatables (since they generate heat) during the summer.

**Updates:** Haily reminded the committee that the best way to reach out about concerns for fire is to email the University Fire Marshal at [uofm@uoregon.edu](mailto:uofm@uoregon.edu). Haily mentioned that students using the inflatables to slam into each other is a concern for the Risk Management office ([riskmanagement@uoregon.edu](mailto:riskmanagement@uoregon.edu)).

### Hammocks

Justin had seen people attaching a hammock from a light pole to a tree and EHS had attached a sign to the light pole cautioning people from using it.

**Update:** Two trees were lost from people using hammocks. The CPFM Grounds Crew is working on a better way of identifying which trees are strong enough to withstand the force from hammocks. In the



May 2023 SAC Meeting, Kevin Farthing mentioned that he had created a draft policy for hanging hammocks on trees and had emailed it to EHS.

**EC Cares Safety Committee:**

Julie was not on the call to provide any update, but this will be remaining on the minutes.

**Footwear Policy:**

There is no update on this, but it will be staying on the minutes since it has not been resolved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Incident Investigation Training:**

SAC is the safety committee at the University of Oregon that helps us ensure compliance with OSHA. Kersey has been working with SAIF to organize an Incident Investigation training that EHS will host. Members of the SAC should take this training.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Building Inspection**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Building Inspection took place on May 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Collier House. The most common concerns noticed were items stacked on top of bookshelves and overcrowded shelves, where items could strike employees when they were removed. Additionally, there was a sink that was overflowing with sewage. Haily used this as a reminder for why we have building inspections. Also, there is no experience necessary to participate in a building inspection!

**July Safety Trainings:**

Justin will be sending the full training next week.

Wildfire Smoke Safety – 2 sessions available

Tuesday, July 11th 8:00 – 9:00am or Tuesday, July 18th 8:30 – 9:30am

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructors: Haily Griffith

Sign up [HERE](#) for either session!

RF Awareness – 2 sessions available

Tuesday, July 11th 9:00 – 10:00am or Wednesday, July 19th 8:30 – 9:30am

1715 Franklin Building, EOC, Rm 271

Instructor: Justin Zunker

July Safety Sheets (For Department Use):

Week 1: [Wildfire Smoke Safety Sheet](#)

Week 2: [Cleaning Wipes](#)

Week 3: [Safety Shoes](#)

Week 4: [Eye and Face Protection](#)

**Wildfire Smoke Training:**

Haily reminded the committee that employees who are subject to the program are required to participate in this training. Relatedly Haily discussed how many employees are still subject to the Heat Illness Prevention program. Both trainings are required by OSHA and can be found on MyTrack as e-Learning Trainings.