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Safety at UBC

Art History, Visual Art & Theory
Health, Safety & Environment



Learning Objectives

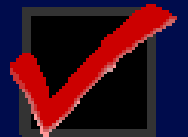
- UBC AHVA Health and Safety Program
- Rights and responsibilities
- Hazard reporting
- Occupational Health and Safety Committee
- First aid facilities
- Emergency procedures
- Personal protective equipment
- Working alone or in isolation
- Violence in the workplace





Learning Objectives, cont

- WHMIS = Workplace hazardous materials information system
- Ergonomics
- Asbestos





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Safety Policy & Philosophy

“The university aims to provide a safe, healthy and secure environment in which to carry on the university's affairs. All possible preventive measures are taken to eliminate accidental injuries, occupational diseases and risks to personal security.”



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UBC AHVA Health & Safety Program

- 14 Elements:
 - Health & Safety Policy
 - Occupational Health & Safety Committee
 - Orientation, Training & Supervision of Workers
 - Workplace Inspections
 - Reporting and Investigation of Accidents & Incidents
 - Hazard Identification, risk assessment & control methods
 - Safe Work Procedures
 - Hazardous Materials
 - First Aid & Emergency Services
 - Contractor Safety
 - Musculoskeletal Injury (MSI) Prevention
 - Evacuation Procedures, Muster Stations
 - Documentation
 - Program Review



Rights and Responsibilities

- Workers Compensation Act (WCA) Section 116:
 - General duties of workers
 - (1) Every worker must
 - (a) take reasonable care to protect the worker's health and safety and the health and safety of other persons who may be affected by the worker's acts or omissions at work, and
 - (b) comply with this Part, the regulations and any applicable orders.
 - (2) Without limiting subsection (1), a worker must
 - (a) carry out his or her work in accordance with established safe work procedures as required by this Part and the regulations,
 - (b) use or wear protective equipment, devices and clothing as required by the regulations,
 - (c) not engage in horseplay or similar conduct that may endanger the worker or any other person,
 - (d) ensure that the worker's ability to work without risk to his or her health or safety, or to the health or safety of any other person, is not impaired by alcohol, drugs or other causes,
 - (e) report to the supervisor or employer
 - » (i) any contravention of this Part, the regulations or an applicable order of which the worker is aware, and
 - » (ii) the absence of or defect in any protective equipment, device or clothing, or the existence of any other hazard, that the worker considers is likely to endanger the worker or any other person,
 - (f) cooperate with the joint committee or worker health and safety representative for the workplace, and
 - (g) cooperate with the Board, officers of the Board and any other person carrying out a duty under this Part or the regulations



3 Worker Rights

- Right to Know
- Right to Participate
- Right to Refuse





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Occupational Health and Safety Committee

- Identify situations that may be unhealthy or unsafe for workers and provide recommendations to correct those situations
- Make recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the occupational health and safety and occupational environment of workers
- Ensure that accident investigations and regular inspections are carried out
- Participate in inspections, investigations and inquiries



Other Safety Resources

- Tariq Din, HSE Manager, 2-1885
- Lori Chow, HSE Coordinator, 2-6732
- Guy Champagne, Asbestos Data Coordinator, 2-8772
- Linda Roseborough, Ergonomics & Wellness Coordinator, 2-1327
- UBC HSE Department, 2-2029
- www.worksafebc.com



Hazard Reporting

- If you notice an unsafe condition in the course of your work, you are required to report it in a timely manner
- All reports go to your direct supervisor



Hazard Assessment Forms

- Level 1: Job Safety Review
 - Job specific
 - General, routine work
- Level 2: Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
 - Specific project work on all scheduled jobs
 - Posted on site safety board
 - Requirement for everyone arriving on site to read and follow all stated work procedures prior to working



Investigations

- Prevent future occurrences
- Comply with WorkSafe BC Regulation
- NOTE: Fact finding mission and not blaming mission





Inspections

- Worker: daily inspections of own work area
- Supervisor: daily to weekly inspections of responsible areas
- Safety Committee: formal inspections once a month





First Aid Facilities

- For injuries within labs or shops, visit the first aid station; make note of eye wash station locations
- For injuries during off hours or where no first aid station is available, call the University first aid number (2-4444)
- Report all injuries to your supervisor ASAP
- Know your first aid attendants, including technicians and workshop assistants



Emergency Procedures

- Know the locations of:
 - Fire alarms
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Safety showers & eyewashes
 - Exit routes
 - Assembly points
 - Addresses





Personal Protective Equipment

- Use
- Limitations
- Care and maintenance
- Report problems
- Last line of defense; call 911
- Where to obtain; see technician



Working Alone or in Isolation

- Procedure:
 - Conduct hazard assessment for workers working alone
 - Completed by Supervisor, along with worker
 - Knowledge of SafeWalk program **822-5355**
 - Check on workers in corresponding buildings once per shift when working alone
 - UBC employees should bare ID if asked



Violence in the Workplace

- “*Violence*” means the attempted or actual exercise by a person, other than a worker, of any physical force so as to cause injury to a worker, and includes any threatening statement or behaviour which gives a worker reasonable cause to believe that he or she is at risk of injury.
- Reduce risks thru UBC services:
 - AMS Safewalk
 - Campus security patrol
 - Blue light phones



Safety & YOU

- Participate in safety meetings
- Inspect your work area on a daily basis
- Report any unsafe conditions to your supervisor
- Seek first aid immediately when injured & report injury to supervisor ASAP!

