Resources for Navigating Environment of Care Requirements

Now Available to Managers:
The 2015 Guide to Environment of Care Requirements

What is the Environment of Care?
- It is the buildings, equipment and staff knowledge that make up the safest possible physical environment for everyone at OHSU.
- We recognize that departments are unique and Environment of Care requirements should be customized for each area.

Environment of Care Resources:
- The 2015 Guide to Environment of Care Requirements is intended to be a resource for both a new manager orienting to the requirements and provide tips and tools for more experienced managers in navigating The Joint Commission’s Environment of Care requirements.
- Reminder: Environment of Care Education is now available in Compass. All employees must complete this training annually.
- For any questions, the Environment of Care Program is here to help. Contact Environmental Health and Radiation Safety at (503) 494.7795.

Manager Responsibilities:
- All workforce members are expected to abide by safety guidelines; managers are responsible for the safety of the environment, training employees, and enforcing guidelines and policies in their areas.
- Review your department’s Compass compliance report for completion of the Environment of Care Education and remind those who still need to complete it.
- For more information, refer to the 2015 Guide to Environment of Care Requirements on the Policy Management System.

The Joint Commission - Environment of Care Standards guide OHSU in this material. The Environment of Care Committee offers this tool to help remind employees of safety polices and best practices. Please post or share this information with staff. February 2015