



SafetyTeam

The safety of our employees, customers, and the public is a priority at OHSU, but the size of our operations can make the management of safety difficult. That is why the **OHSU Safety Committee commissioned the SafetyTeam**. The concept was developed by AFSCME and OHSU, during bargaining in 1992, as a way to improve health and safety at work.

SafetyTeam members act as recognized on-site health and safety resources for co-workers, management and the public providing resource, insight, and information about health and safety issues at OHSU. They watch and listen for problems and concerns in their work areas, and other areas on campus, and initiate problem solving and resolution.

For issues that may have broad application to the larger OHSU community, or those issues that require extra effort to work out, members can all the **SafetyTeam Coordinator**. This single point-of-contact for questions, comments, concerns, and problem solving assistance allows efficient resolution to issues. This is also the direct link from SafetyTeam members to the OHSU Safety Committee.

Examples of issues that SafetyTeam members have worked on include: equipment problems; exterior lighting improvements; ergonomics; public hazards and safety issues; traffic concerns; procedure fixes and innovations; equipment purchase recommendations; and waste handling and recycling.

“**SafetyNews**,” the monthly SafetyTeam newsletter, is designed to educate and inform members. SafetyNews is published to the O-Zone, or members and managers can request a monthly mailing of the paper version.

New members are always welcome! SafetyTeam membership is extended to employees (ONA- and AFSCME-represented, and non-represented) who are motivated to improve workplace quality and serve as localized safety resources in their work areas..

If you are interested in becoming a SafetyTeam member, know someone who is interested, or would like more information, contact the SafetyTeam Coordinator, at 503 494-7795.

Check out the details of the SafetyTeam at
<http://ozone.ohsu.edu/ehrs/mh/pages/safetyteam.shtml>

