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Safety and Health

Occupational Safety & Health Protection

for USDA Forest Service Employees



AUTHORITIES

The Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, Executive Order 12196 and 29 CFR 1960, requires the Forest

Service to furnish its employees with places and conditions of employment

that are free from work-related safety and health hazards.

FOREST SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES

Comply with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards; Forest Service Manual 6700, Safety and Health Program; Forest Service Handbook 6709.11, Health and Safety Code; and Forest Service Handbook 6709.12, Safety and Health Program.

Set up procedures for responding to employee reports of unsafe and unhealthful working conditions.

Acquire, maintain, and require the use of approved personal protective clothing, equipment, and safety devices.

Conduct safety inspections and health surveys of all Forest Service-controlled workplaces at least annually.

Conduct inspections and surveys by qualified personnel equipped with proper equipment and encourage employee participation.

Establish procedures to assure that no employee is subject to restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal for exercising his/her rights under the Forest Service Safety and Health Program.

Post notices of unsafe or unhealthful working conditions found during safety inspections, health surveys, or accident investigations.

Assure prompt abatement of conditions adversely affecting employee safety and

health. Employees exposed to conditions shall be informed of the abatement plan. Imminent danger corrections must be made immediately.

Set up a management information system to keep records of occupational accidents, injuries, illnesses, and their causes; and post annual summaries of injuries and illnesses for a minimum of 30 days at each workplace.

Conduct occupational safety and health training programs for managers, supervisors, safety and health personnel, employees, and employee representatives.

EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Comply with all occupational safety and health standards issued by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Comply with all safety and health regulations, directives, policies, and procedures issued by the USDA and Forest Service.

Use personal protective clothing, equipment and safety devices provided or designated by the Forest Service.

RIGHTS OF EMPLOYEES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

Participate in the USDA and Forest Service Safety and Health Programs. Employees are authorized official time to participate in the activities provided by Executive Order 12196, 29 CFR 1960, and USDA and Forest Service Safety and Health programs.

Access to safety and health standards, regulations, policies and procedures, and work site injury and illness statistics.

Comment on safety and health directives proposed through the Forest Service Safety and Health Program.

Report and request inspections of unsafe and unhealthful workplace conditions and practices to appropriate officials. If conditions are not promptly or effectively corrected, or if it appears that your right to report these conditions is being infringed, you or your representatives may seek resolution through:

1. Your Local Safety and Health Manager.
2. Your National Safety and Health Official.
3. Your Designated Agency Safety and Health Official.
4. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210.

Anonymity is assured.

SAFETY AND HEALTH CONTACTS

Your Local Safety and Health Manager is:

Name _____
Location _____
Telephone _____
E-mail Address _____

Your Designated Agency Safety and Health Official is the Deputy Chief for Business Operations. Mail your inquiries to:

USDA Forest Service
P.O. Box 96090
Washington, DC 20090

Your National Safety and Health Official is:

Name _____
Location _____
Telephone _____
E-mail Address _____

