## 34.01.01 Health and Safety Programs

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### **Regulation Summary**

The Texas A&M University System (system) is committed to providing a safe and healthy educational and working environment. A comprehensive health and safety program is fundamental for realizing this commitment. The purpose of this regulation is to outline the appropriate health and safety programs each system member must establish and maintain to sufficiently minimize or eliminate risks inherent to the operations of that institution.

## Regulation

#### 1. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1.1. As provided by Executive Order GWB 95-8 (*Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees, Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property*) and System Policy 34.01 (Environment, Safety and Security) the system and its members will develop and maintain a comprehensive health and safety program, and each member Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will provide staffing and financial resources sufficient to manage the environment, safety and security risks inherent to member operations.
- 1.2. Each member CEO will designate a department responsible for executing a Health and Safety program and a representative from that department to serve on the System Environment, Safety and Security Advisory Council (SESS).
- 1.3. The SESS Advisory Council will provide expert advice and recommendations to the A&M System Office of Environment, Safety and Security (ESS) in support of the development and implementation of appropriate programs and serve as the mechanism for the free exchange of information and collaboration among institutions and various System offices regarding health and safety issues.
- 1.4. ESS will provide support and consultative services on health and safety issues; review new environment, health and safety legislation and provide guidance on compliance; represent the A&M System regarding systemwide environment, health and safety issues; administer nonexclusive systemwide environment, health and safety related contracts to ensure compliance and show due diligence; and serve as the archivist for the SESS Advisory Council and subgroups.

#### 2. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRAMS

2.1. Each system institution shall perform regular risk assessments to identify environment, health and safety hazards that are present on their respective campus, along with the associated compliance requirements.

- 2.2. Policies and procedures shall be created and implemented to address the identified environment, health and safety risks at each member.
- 2.3. Environment, health and safety policies and procedures shall be continuously assessed by each institution and programs updated accordingly to maintain a compliant and effective environment, health and safety program that sufficiently minimizes or eliminates risks inherent to the operations of that institution.
- 2.4. Members are required to maintain health and safety programs when and where potential risk has been identified. Such programs may include but are not limited to:
  - 1. AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY SAFETY
  - 2. BIOLOGICAL SAFETY
  - 3. BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN EXPOSURE CONTROL PLAN (RESERVED)
  - 4. CHEMICAL SAFETY
  - 5. CONTRACTOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
  - 6. DRIVING SAFETY (RESERVED)
  - 7. EMPLOYEE SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY
  - 8. GENERAL SAFETY
  - 9. GENERAL SANITATION
  - 10. INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE
  - 11. LABORATORY SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGEMENT
  - 12. MANAGEMENT OF THERMAL STRESS
  - 13. MOBILE EQUIPMENT
  - 14. OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH (RESERVED)
  - 15. OPERATION OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT
  - 16. RADIATION SAFETY
  - 17. REPRODUCTIVE RISKS
  - 18. RESPIRATORY PROTECTION
  - 19. USE OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT
  - 20. VENTILATION CONTROL FOR OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH
  - 21. VISITOR SAFETY

## Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

Executive Order GWB 95-8, Relating to Workplace Safety and Health of State Employees,

<u>Citizens Served, and Preservation of State Property</u>

<u>Title 25 Health Services, Part 1 Texas Department of State Health Services, Ch. 96, Bloodborne</u>
Pathogen Control

<u>Title 2 Health, Health and Safety Code, Ch. 81, Subch. H, Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Control Plan</u>

<u>Title 6 Food, Drugs, Alcohol, and Hazardous Substances, Health and Safety Code, Ch. 502, Hazard Communication Act</u>

The January 18, 2024 version of this regulation supersedes the following regulation:

24.01.01, Risk Management Programs

# **Member Rule Requirements**

A rule is not required to supplement this regulation.

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