

BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE

DIRECTORY OF POLICY STATEMENTS

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SUBJECT: **Occupational Safety and Health Standards**

Original Policy

Purpose: To establish formal occupational safety and health standards for the State University College at Buffalo

The Occupational Safety and Health Association (OSHA) of 1970 was enacted by Congress to “assure, so far as possible, every working man and woman in the nation safe and healthful working conditions and to preserve our human resources.” This Act pertains to every employer, in a business affecting commerce, who has one or more employees.

Presently, State agencies are not officially subject to this Act; however, State University policy is to comply with all Federal and State laws wherever and whenever possible. The State University College at Buffalo safety and health activities, since the Act’s inception, have been in accordance with the consensus standards (1) as promulgated by the OSHA.

The occupational safety and health standards promulgated by United States Public Law, Title 29, Chapter XVII, Part 1910, pertain to the following subjects:

1. Walking-working surfaces
2. Means of egress
3. Powered platforms, manlifts
4. Occupational health and environmental controls
5. Hazardous materials
6. Personal protective equipment
7. General environmental controls
8. Medical and first aid
9. Fire protection
10. Compressed gas and air equipment
11. Materials handling and storage
12. Machinery and machine guarding
13. Hand and portable powered tools and other hand-held equipment
14. Welding, cutting and brazing
15. Electrical

All State University College at Buffalo facilities and activities must conform to these standards. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety as part of the Office for Finance and

Management, serves as consultant and advisor on the standards and has the responsibility for surveying all facilities and activities to monitor and encourage compliance with the standards.

- (1) Consensus standards include codes, standards, data sheets or laws of the following: “The National Fire Protection Association, Compressed Gas Association; Federal standards for construction safety, American National Standards Institute; American Society of Mechanical Engineers; Underwriters Laboratory and the American society for Testing and Materials.

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See the following websites for possible updating: <http://hr.buffalostate.edu/policies-and-guides> (Click on Occupational Health & Safety) or www.OSHA.gov