

SAFETY INSPECTOR

Work in this class involves the inspection of a variety of facilities, buildings and ground of a university or agency for the purpose of detecting safety and health hazards.

Employees schedule inspections, conduct inspections for adherence to state and federal rules and regulations, cite violations, and provide technical assistance to the correction of violations. Facilities inspected include research laboratories, power plant operations, high-rise dormitories, classrooms and industrial shops. Work also includes the investigation of complaints and response to emergency situations. Work is performed under the general supervision of a safety supervisor and may include other duties as assigned.

I. DIFFICULTY OF WORK:

Complexity - Employees inspect a variety of facilities for the identification of physical, chemical, mechanical, electrical, thermal and acoustical hazards to assure compliance with federal, state, local and industrial regulations. Employees inspect personal protective equipment and record air velocity measurements of chemical fume hoods. Employees investigate accidents, respond to emergency situations, conduct safety workshops, and provide technical assistance.

Guidelines - Guidelines are specific to the work performed and can usually be applied to most situations.

II. RESPONSIBILITY

Accountability - Employees involved in inspecting facilities make decisions on citing violations of standards and provide consultative services. They keep their supervisors informed of violations and of corrective action taken by departments.

Consequence of Action - Failure to detect violations during inspections could result in an injury. Over-zealous enforcement of standards could result in added expense for the university.

Review Work is planned, scheduled and conducted independently. Inspection reports and letters to departments are reviewed to assure consistency in the application of standards and the technical accuracy of work.

III. INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Subject Matter - Contact is primarily with departmental personnel to discuss the nature of safety violations and omissions or exceptions to standards discovered during an inspection. Employees provide information on how to correct the violations to the department heads.

Purpose - Communications with departmental personnel are generally to provide information.

IV. WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Nature of Working Conditions - Employees are exposed to inclement weather, odors, chemicals and fumes.

Nature and Potential of Personal Hazards - While inspecting facilities, employees are exposed to moving machinery, chemical and biological substances, hot liquids and various health-related hazards.

V. RECRUITMENT STANDARDS:

Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities - Working knowledge of the operational procedures of the occupational areas inspected. Ability to interpret and apply federal and state safety and health standards. Ability to prepare technical reports. Ability to communicate effectively in both written and oral form. Ability to handle with tact, consistency and good judgment, the diversity of contacts demanded in consultative and inspectional services on a university campus.

Minimum Training and Experience Requirements - Completion of an AA degree with a major in safety management, occupational safety, industrial technology or one of the physical sciences and a minimum of one year progressive occupational safety and health experience. Graduation from a four year college or university with a major in safety management, occupational safety, industrial technology or one of the physical sciences may substitute for the above; or an equivalent combination of training and directly related experience.