

Polk County Wisconsin

SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

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The Polk County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the safety of employees and the public is of paramount importance in the provision of county services. Employees have a right to expect a safe working environment, proper tools and equipment, and safe job methods and practices. We therefore believe that safety must be given equal consideration with other factors of good management.

To this end, the Board has directed the establishment of a safety program under the control of the Personnel Committee. A Safety Coordinator appointed by the Personnel Committee will assist them in the development, implementation, coordination and control of a comprehensive safety program. The principal goal of the program will be the prevention of accidents and injuries to employees and the public.

Department heads are fully responsible for maintaining safe and healthful working conditions and for the implementation of the County safety program within their respective departments. It is the Department Head's duty to incorporate safety into each and every part of their department's daily activities.

Employees are expected to follow safe work practices, adhere to the safety rules, and utilize protective clothing and equipment. The employee must take an active role in protecting themselves, their fellow workers, and County property. Employees are encouraged to detect and report unsafe conditions, practices, and behavior in the workplace and make suggestions for their correction.

We must all realize that no job is so important or urgent that we cannot take the time to perform it safely. Together we can create a safer, happier, and more efficient workplace.