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POL-603 ACCIDENT PREVENTION PROGRAM

This policy applies to all Mason Transit Authority (MTA) employees: full-time, part-time, contract employees and contractors when they are on MTA property or when performing MTA-related business off property.

1.0 Safety Orientation

Each employee will be given a safety orientation by the Safety & Training Supervisor, Manager or designee. The orientation will cover the following items:

- 1.1 A description of the accident prevention program:
 - MTA has a formal written accident prevention program, Health and Safety Manual, as described in WISHA regulations (WAC 296-800-140).
 - It consists of this safety orientation and a Safety Committee that is described in 2.0 below.
 - We also have basic safety rules that all employees must follow. They are:
 - Never do anything that is unsafe in order to get the job done. If a job is unsafe, report it to your supervisor or safety committee representative. We will find a safer way to do that job.
 - ➤ Do not remove or disable any safety device! Keep guards in place at all times on operating machinery.
 - Never operate a piece of equipment unless you have been trained and are authorized.
 - Use your personal protective equipment whenever it is required.
 - Obey all safety warning signs.
 - Working under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs or using them at work is prohibited.
 - Do not bring firearms or explosives onto company property.
 - > Smoking is only permitted outside the building at the designated smoking area.
 - Horseplay, running and fighting are prohibited.

See Also: MTA Employee Handbook, POL-600 Accident Reporting & Investigation, FRM-603 Safety Orientation Guide, FRM-600C, FRM-600D Page 1 of 5



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Clean up spills immediately. Replace all tools and supplies after use. Do not allow scraps to accumulate where they will become a hazard. Good housekeeping helps prevent accidents.

1.2 Injuries.

- If you are injured or become ill on the job, report this to your immediate supervisor or team manager.
- First aid kits are located in all work areas and vehicles. These will be identified during orientation.
- We require all Operations/Maintenance personnel to have first-aid/CPR/AED training.
- We have also posted emergency phone numbers next to evacuation signs.
- 1.3 Reporting unsafe conditions and practices.
 - If you see something that is unsafe, document the condition on FRM-600C Report of Unsafe Facility Condition or Hazard and submit to a supervisor or manager immediately.
 - If you see someone working unsafely, stop the person and immediately report it to a Supervisor or Manager.
- 1.4 Responding to a Report of Unsafe Facility Condition or Hazard.
 - Utilizing FRM-600D Safety Hazard Correction Report, the Safety & Trainer Supervisor, manager or designee is responsible for documenting the steps taken to rectify the unsafe condition.
 - Completed forms FRM-600C and FRM-600D are to be forwarded to the Safety Committee and retained for a minimum of one year.
- 1.5 Emergency Procedures.
 - An evacuation map for the building is posted beside each exit door. It shows the location of exits, fire extinguishers, first aid kits, and where to assemble outside.
 - Fire Emergency

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You will be trained on how to use a fire extinguisher as part of your orientation.

- ➤ If you discover a fire, tell another person immediately. Call or have them call 911 and a supervisor.
 - If the fire is small (such as a wastebasket fire) and there is minimal smoke, you may try to put it out with a fire extinguisher (only if you have been trained on how to use fire extinguishers).
 - If the fire grows or there is thick smoke, do not continue to fight the fire.
 - Tell other employees in the area to evacuate.
 - Go to the designated assembly point outside the building.
 - In the case of a vehicle fire, use the fire extinguisher to extinguish flames at exits.

Earthquake Emergency

- During an earthquake, if you are inside a building:
 - Drop under a desk or table, cover your head and hold on.
 Stay away from windows, heavy cabinets, bookcases or glass dividers.
 - When the shaking stops, supervisors are to check for damage and available evacuation routes then begin an evacuation of their area to the designated assembly location.
 - Evacuation should proceed as quickly as possible since there may be aftershocks.
 - Supervisors must account for each employee in their work group as quickly as possible.
 - First aid certified employees should check for injuries and help evacuate injured employees. Do not attempt to



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move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury.

- If a gas odor is in the building, call 911, evacuate the building, and contact maintenance staff.
- Employees must not re-enter the building once evacuation is complete.
- Do not approach or touch downed power lines or objects touched by downed power lines.
- Do not use the phone except for emergency use.
- Turn on a radio and listen for public safety instructions.
- If you are outside: Stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electric lines.
- ➤ If you are on the road: Stay away from underpasses/overpasses. Stop in a safe area. Stay in the vehicle. Stay off soft shoulders. Keep away from ditches or abrupt road shoulder edge.
- 1.6 Identification of Hazardous Chemicals.
 - Safe use and emergency actions to take following an accidental exposure.
 - We use several chemicals, including solvents and cleaners. You will
 receive a separate orientation as part of our chemical hazard
 communication program on the hazards of these chemicals before you
 work with them or work in an area where they are used.
- 1.7 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
 - Some tasks in our agency require an employee to wear PPE to protect against injury.
 - You will be instructed by your supervisor or use the manufacturer's instructions on how to use and care for PPE.
- 1.8 On-the-job Training before Performing Job Safely.
 - Before you are first assigned a task, your supervisor or designee will show you what to do along with safety instructions and required PPE.



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• We have established safety rules and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements based upon a hazard assessment for each task.

• Do not use equipment or attempt to do any of these tasks until you have received the required training and PPE.

2.0 Safety Committee

- 2.1 Our committee will consist of volunteers representing management, drivers, maintenance, operations and facilities.
- 2.2 The safety committee members will elect a chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary.
- 2.3 The safety committee will hold scheduled meetings a minimum of once quarterly.

3.0 Non-employees

The Team Manager or designee will perform a safety orientation for contractors or contract employees.