January – Safety Committee—2013 Goals

Safety Committee Outlines Goals for 2013

At their December 2012 meeting, the UWRF Safety Committee approved 7 new goals for 2013. As we begin a new year, please show your support by providing encouragement to the committee, maintaining a safe campus and learning more about these important goals:

1. Perform 12 safety walkthroughs of main campus buildings and at least 6 walkthroughs of residence halls during 2013. Draft action plans for addressing safety concerns. (The results of this effort will also be reported to the Chancellor's Cabinet as a component of the Division of Business and Finance dashboard.)
2. Participate in at least one safety walk sponsored by Student Senate.
3. Identify at least one safety process or program on campus that needs improvement and research a “Best Practice” model. (This year we will focus on Fall Prevention and Protection as we work on roof tops and other high places.)
4. Based on OSHA’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) analysis performed in 2012, update or create Job Hazard Analysis sheets for certain positions in departments. This year we will focus on Facilities, Production Services and DOTS.
5. Leverage aspects of health and safety to justify at least 4 campus projects during 2013.
6. Develop active shooter response procedures and schedule training opportunities for employees.
7. Develop and present a workshop for students interested in off-campus living that will provide information on fire safety, lease agreements, and personal safety.

All UWRF employees are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of the Safety Committee. They are held on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 pm in #249 Food Science addition. If you are not able to attend you are welcome to view the minutes which are available from Pam Rudesill each month.

January is National Radon Action Month

Radon is a naturally-occurring, invisible and odorless radioactive gas. One in 15 American homes contains high levels of radon. Radon causes lung cancer. By taking simple steps to test your home for radon and fix if necessary, this health hazard can be avoided. If your home hasn’t been tested for radon in the past two years, EPA and the Surgeon General urge you to take action. Check out the EPA website for more information. www.epa.gov/radon/ or for specific Wisconsin Information please visit: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/radiation/radon/FinalEstPercentRadon.htm