EHS Team

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Provides leadership and overall management of health, safety and wellness in the functional areas of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) and Occupational Health and Wellness (OHW) for the University.

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Provides overall administrative support to the EHS team. This includes answering general Inquiries related to EHS, the administration of the EHS website and safety shoe and safety eyewear programs.

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The Manager of Agricultural & Veterinary Safety develops and manages comprehensive programs and training with a primary focus on agricultural and veterinary safety, aimed at agricultural and veterinary workers and researchers and those performing similar work such as landscaping and sports-field maintenance. The MAVS also provides expertise for EHS assessments for planning of student events such as College Royal and those run by academic programs such as volunteer programs.

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The Manager of Occupational Hygiene and Safety manages and oversees a comprehensive occupational hygiene program for the University and a safety program that is primarily focused on facilities and the industrial areas of University operations. The MOHS provides guidance and technical support to the University community in these areas on environmental health and safety matters, regulatory governance, due diligence, and loss prevention. The MOHS also provides expertise for training and EHS assessments for facility renewals and renovations.

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The Facility Safety Specialist provides health and safety expertise, training and hazard assessments in areas such as working at heights, fall protection equipment inspection, fume hood performance validation, lockout/ tagout, machine guarding, lifting devices, and eyewash and safety showers. The Facility Safety Specialist also conducts incident investigations, and safety inspections.

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The occupational hygienist develops, implements and manages programs in the specialized area of occupational hygiene that includes such topics as Indoor Air Quality, Noise, Mould, Chemical Exposures, Designated Substances, Thermal Stress, Respiratory Protection and Personal Protective Equipment. The hygienist provides training, conducts occupational hygiene assessments and monitoring for example, chemical exposure monitoring, and noise surveys, investigates, and recommends measures to mitigate/control hazardous workplace exposures.

Jennifer Wesley, Manager of Research Risk (MRR)
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The Manager of Research Risk manages and oversees the Biosafety, Laboratory Safety and Radiation Safety programs for the University and provides expertise for EHS assessment, management and regulatory compliance within research and teaching programs.

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The Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs) are responsible for managing all aspects of the Radiation Safety Program, which includes nuclear substances, lasers, x-rays. The program consists of training, inspections, internal permits and regulatory licensing, dosimetry, purchase and disposal. The RSOs also investigate and follow-up with radiation-related incidents or emergencies.

Gausiya Khan, Biosafety Officer (BSO)
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The Biosafety Officer (BSO) manages all aspects of the Biosafety Program, which encompasses microorganisms potentially infectious to humans, animals, or plants, human and non-human primate blood and body fluids, human and animal cell cultures. The program includes training, inspections, internal permits, licensing, and the import, export or transfer of biohazardous materials. The BSO also investigates and follows up with incidents or emergencies involving biohazardous materials.

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The Laboratory Safety Officer (LSO) manages all aspects of the Laboratory Safety Program, that is designed to provide guidance, and minimum standards related to the identification, assessment and control of typical hazards found in laboratory settings. This includes training, inspections, chemical safety (WHMIS), the use, storage and disposal of hazardous materials, Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) training and certification, hazardous waste disposal (chemical and biological). The LSO also investigates and follows up with lab-related incidents or emergencies.

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