

2024–25 PSWCT/UP **Training Sessions**

WEBINAR

Custodial Work Loading and the Impacts on Safety

WEBINAR Risk Services

10:00 am - noon

Overview

Thursday, September 12, 2024 10:00 am - noon

A data-driven program for custodial cleaning is useful to set proper expectations and work loading, contributes to reducing injuries, and assures that protocols set by the national Center for Disease Control (CDC) and Washington State Health Department (WA DOH) are followed. The goal of the program is to create realistic expectations for custodians and establish accountability for the whole team while reducing accidents and injuries, and maintaining clean and inviting spaces in schools. Our presenter is an experienced custodian and now leader in this field, who became inspired to develop this program based on personal experience and their own injuries that resulted from over-work loading. The training is geared towards anyone who supervises custodians, including principals in some school districts.

Speaker: Geoff Lawson, Operations Coordinator, Auburn School District

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Identifying and properly managing risks at school districts maximizes the ability to reduce accidents, incidents, and claims, prevent harmful exposures, and effectively manage associated finances. One of the main roles of the Puget Sound Workers' Compensation Trust and Unemployment Pool (PSWCT/UP) is prevention. Our Client Relations Team offers top-of-the-line and extensive risk prevention and reduction services to support Member Districts with safety and associated legal compliance. The purpose of this session is to share value-added preventive services available to Member Districts and their use to maximum benefit. Member Districts receive general guidance and updates on regulations and best practices, but may also request individualized site visits, evaluations, and recommendations for solutions of unique circumstances, at no cost. Meet our Risk Management prevention team and find out more about the details of each of the services we offer. collaborate with us, and grow in your own preventive roles.

Speakers: Elizabeth Jakab, MS, CSRM PSWCT/UP; Steve Lyons, CSRM, ARM, ASP, Risk Consultant, PSWCT/UP

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Science Laboratory Safety Overview

Thursday, October 10, 2024 10:00 am - noon

Laboratory experiments and demonstrations are an integral and attractive element of quality science education; however, working with hazardous chemicals poses a significant number of risks and challenges. Both Federal and Washington State agencies regulate safety for science laboratories, but as educational entities supporting students, we must take at least two additional steps:

- 1. Adapt industry targeted regulations to the school environment.
- 2. Integrate and continuously implement best practices, as the minimum level of legal compliance is not sufficient to safeguard students and staff while remaining productive.

This session will provide a brief overview of several key areas of laboratory safety, the roles and responsibilities of staff, and relevant regulations. It is designed solely for individuals who are new to this area or those who require additional clarifications in their work with laboratory safety. These additional steps must be developed and tailored to the needs of the individual district and laboratory.

Speaker: Elizabeth Jakab, MS, CSRM PSWCT/UP

WEBINAR Return-to-Work

Program Updates

Thursday, October 24, 2024 10:00 am - noon

Christian Porter and Ben Hollar. Return-to-Work Managers, will provide an overview of the Returnto-Work Incentive Program, including significant changes to our application process based on feedback from our Member Districts. The informative session will include a review of the claim eligibility criteria, and the new automated application process. We hope that this improved application process will be more efficient and increase membership utilization of the program. We look forward to sharing this new information with you and supporting your district in this area!

Speakers: Christian Porter, BA, CA, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/ UP; Ben Hollar, BA, CDMS, Return-to-Work Manager, PSWCT/UP

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