

**UNB SAFETY POLICY** – to be read; understood; and initialed

The University of New Brunswick is required to comply with all regulations pursuant to both Federal and Provincial Government health and safety legislation. The University must provide an example to the students, as well as the visiting public, for maintaining the highest degree of safety for all, and for demonstrating a high level of responsibility to the environment.

The University of New Brunswick is committed to taking every reasonable precaution to ensure the provision of a safe and healthy work environment, and requires all faculty, staff, and students to comply with the laws and statutes that have been enacted by the federal and provincial governments, and with the policies and guidelines that have been established by the University in cooperation with the University Joint Health & Safety Committees.

Responsibility for safety at the University exists at three different levels - individual, supervisory or instructional, and organizational or institutional. The division of responsibility must be clearly assigned and accepted; steps should be taken to ensure responsibilities are exercised; and the assignments reassessed if unexpected problems arise.

Deans of faculties, heads or chairs of departments and directors or managers of administrative departments are responsible for the environmental health and safety of their respective faculties or departments and their members, including students.

The individual (student or employee) has a responsibility to learn the health and safety hazards of the materials or equipment he or she may be using or producing; the hazards which may occur from the equipment or techniques employed; and for following appropriate safety measures. The person acting in a supervisory capacity has responsibility for ensuring that those supervised observe normal safety precautions and, as well, has a responsibility for preventing accidental injuries from occurring. Any accident which occurs must be reported, recording the apparent causes and measures which may be required to prevent occurrence of similar accidents.

The University has a fundamental responsibility to provide the facilities, equipment and maintenance to ensure a safe working environment, and an organized program to make the improvements necessary for such an environment.

The Safety Office will act as a resource department, in an advisory capacity, assisting in the development of policies and procedures, in the handling of environmental health and safety matters, and in safety education and training. To assist in the implementation of this general policy, and to comply with provincial legislation, the University has constituted Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committees on each campus. Health and safety matters which cannot be resolved at departmental or Faculty levels may be referred to those committees.

All faculty, staff and students are expected to take individual responsibility for safe working practices and procedures so as to safeguard their own health and well-being, as well as that of their colleagues, and visitors to the campus.

R.L. Armstrong  
President – UNB  
September 2001

Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ phone # \_\_\_\_\_

### REGULATIONS - NB OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY ACT

**9(2)** Without limiting the generality of the duties under subsection (1), every employer shall

(a) ensure that the necessary systems of work, tools, equipment, machines, devices and materials are maintained in good condition and are of minimum risk to health and safety when used as directed by the supplier or in accordance with the directions supplied by the supplier;

(a.1) ensure that the place of employment is inspected at least once a month to identify any risks to the health and safety of his employees;

(b) acquaint an employee with any hazard in connection with the use, handling, storage, disposal and transport of any tool, equipment, machine, device or biological, chemical or physical agent;

(c) provide such information, instruction, training and supervision as are necessary to ensure an employee's health and safety;

(d) provide and maintain in good condition such protective equipment as is required by regulation and ensure that such equipment is used by an employee in the course of work;

(e) co-operate with a committee, where such a committee has been established, a health and safety representative, where such a representative has been elected or designated, and with any person responsible for the enforcement of this Act and the regulations.

**12** Every employee shall

(a) comply with this Act, the regulations and any order made in accordance with this Act or the regulations;

(b) conduct himself to ensure his own health and safety and that of other persons at, in or near his place of employment;

(c) report to the employer the existence of any hazard of which he is aware;

(d) wear or use such protective equipment as is required by regulation;

(e) consult and co-operate with the committee where one has been established or with the health and safety representative where one has been elected or designated; and

(f) co-operate with any person responsible for the enforcement of this Act and the regulations.

### Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee

**14(9)** The employer at a place of employment shall ensure that the names of the members of the committee of the place of employment and the minutes of the most recent committee meeting are posted in a prominent place or places at the place of employment.

<b>Members</b>	<b>Alternates</b>
D. Gillespie (Employer)	A. Chisholm-Keith(Employer)
J. Furlong (Employer)	
TL. King (Employer/Co-Chair)	D. Munro(Employer)
P. Hayes (Employer)	
M. Mendelson(AUNBT/Employee)	S. Turnbull (AUNBT)
T. Colpitts (CUPE/Employee/Co-Chair)	R. Lavine (CUPE)
K. Doucet (APT/Employee)	S. Allen (APT)
K. Lurette (Dal Med NB)	

**RIGHT TO REFUSE**

**19** An employee may refuse to do any act where he has reasonable grounds for believing that the act is likely to endanger his health or safety or the health or safety of any other employee.

**20(1)** Any employee who believes that an act is likely to endanger his or any other employee's health or safety shall immediately report his concern to his supervisor, who shall promptly investigate the situation in the presence of the employee.

**DUTY TO REPORT****NOTICES**

**43(1)** Where an employee is injured in a manner that causes, or may cause, a fatality, loss of limb or occupational disease, or that requires or may require hospitalization, the employer shall ensure that notice of the injury is made to the Commission immediately after the occurrence thereof. It is the duty of the employee to report all incidents which have or may have resulted in an injury to their supervisor.

**HEALTH & SAFETY PROCEDURES SPECIFIC to EMPLOYEMENT**

Lock out Procedures

Power Hand tools Safety

Fall Protection

Ladder Safety

WHMIS

Manual Lifting Guideline

PPE Protection

Respirator Protection

**It is now illegal to use hand-held devices while driving.**

When driving, do you do things that distract you from the road - even for a second? New Brunswick now has driver distraction legislation in place. Distracted driving is dangerous and unacceptable. This law will help all of us remain focused on driving and make New Brunswick's roads safer for everyone.

***It only takes a second to send a text, to dial a number, to input information into a GPS. It only takes a second to become distracted, to have an accident, to take a life. Why take the risk?***

Driving requires your full attention. Distractions cause us to react more slowly, and they can cause accidents. Studies show that a significant percentage of collisions are the result of distracted driving: "*driver distraction is a factor in 8 out of 10 – about 4 million – car crashes in each year.*"

Start changing your habits now by keeping your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel. Help create a culture where distracted driving is socially unacceptable.

## UNB Working Alone Policy

UNB Reference Number: 7839

**INTENT:** To ensure procedures are developed, in so far as are reasonably practicable, to ensure the health and safety of employees and students who perform work alone in a potentially hazardous environment or with hazardous materials or equipment.

**SCOPE:** All faculty, staff and students who perform work on University premises. This policy does not apply to office environments or to employees or students in a non-employment situation.

**DEFINITION:** Working alone is defined as the performance of any work by an individual who is not directly supervised by another person, nor within audible or visual range of another individual.

### REGULATIONS:

1. The University department responsible shall develop and implement written procedures to ensure the health and safety of individuals required to work alone in hazardous environments or with hazardous materials or equipment. The department shall assess the requirement for emergency equipment, emergency aid and practical means of obtaining assistance based upon the nature and degree of exposure to the hazard.
2. Employees and students shall work only under conditions where the availability of emergency aid is compatible with the nature of the hazard and the degree of exposure to the hazard. Whenever doubt exists, the supervisor shall review the work assignment and define the emergency aid compatible with that work assignment.
3. Where a probability exists for exposure to a potentially hazardous material or piece of equipment, and individuals are required to work alone, or after regular working hours,
  - i) a second employee (provided the second employee is not required to be called in on overtime) or student shall be in the area to provide immediate aid or to summon additional emergency assistance; OR
  - ii) the Security office shall be notified prior to beginning any work involving hazards and again upon its completion; OR
  - iii) an alternate means of communication shall be provided (eg. as with use of portable radios in the Physical Plant and Security departments ).

(N.B. Occupational Health & Safety Regulations)

## Health and safety

Safety is a responsibility to be shared by everyone - faculty, staff, students and visitors.

The primary function of the Campus Safety office is to assist others to fulfill their responsibilities for safe work practices by providing information on workplace hazards, evaluating work environments and recommending standard methods for improving safety in the workplace.

All health and safety policies contained herein apply to the University of New Brunswick Saint John campus.

## Accident reporting system

All accidents are to be documented using the **accident report forms** available from the Security and Safety Office (5504). Copies of the forms are filed with the University Personnel Department. Accident investigation is an integral part of this system whereby every accident is investigated and corrective action initiated where necessary. Statistics are compiled each year with reports being issued by the Manager of Security and Safety to the campus Joint Health and Safety Committee as well as the Workplace Health Safety and Compensation Commission.

## First Aid

Emergency first aid is provided on several different levels, 24 hours security personnel are all First Aid qualified. As well most floors of a building have an individual trained in first aid/CPR. The first aid person is provided with a first aid kit and their name and location within the building is posted on a bulletin board so the University Community is informed.

With a more seriously injured person, unless it is a life-threatening situation, **Security (5675) is to be notified** for in any situation where it has been determined a direct call to 9-911 would be more prudent, Security must always be notified as they will then meet the responding emergency personnel and direct them to the appropriate location

## Emergency response

The UNB Saint John emergency number is **648-5675**. If you reach a recording press "0" and a security member will answer. Campus-wide security is provided by an outsourced security company. Security members are on duty 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. They are willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Safewalk is provided to all students, faculty and staff. Call 648-5675 or **email Security & Safety**.

## Emergency Procedures

Attached and at the following

link:[http://www.unb.ca/saintjohn/security/\\_resources/emergencyprocedures.pdf](http://www.unb.ca/saintjohn/security/_resources/emergencyprocedures.pdf)

Please also view – Run, Hide, Fight presentation by US Homeland Security at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ESNae7OoyM>

**OTHER SAFETY RELATED POLICY & PROCEDURES** available on the Security Website

<http://www.unb.ca/saintjohn/security/healthsafety.html>

## Related links

[Be Air Aware Poster](#)

[Boat Safety Manual](#)

[Dangerous Goods](#)

[Diving Safety Manual](#)

[Diving Medical Release Form](#)

[Hazardous Waste Disposal](#)

[Lab Safety](#)

[Personal Safety](#)

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[Scent Free Zone](#)

[Scent Reduction Initiative](#)

[UNB Scent Free Door Sign](#)

[UNB Scent Reduction Signs](#)

[Work Alone Policy](#)

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I have received an orientation on the following safety related matters;

- UNB Safety Policy
- Applicable NB Occupational Health & Safety Regulations
- Workplace Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee
- Right to Refuse Procedure
- Duty to Report accidents
- Safety Procedures specific to employment
- Record of Safety Specific Training
- Health and Safety Office
- Accident reporting systems
- First Aid in the workplace
- Emergency Contact number and response
- Emergency Procedures

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