



## **University Safety Partners Mission Statement**

The University Safety Partners (USP) is a group of appointed representatives who are responsible for the administration of the University's health and safety program within their respective School / VP units to preserve and protect the University's physical and human resources.

To fulfill this mission, the USP works as a collaborative forum to consider and implement environmental, health, and safety regulations, policies, procedures, and practices as they affect the work environment at Stanford.

The role of University Safety Partners is to:

- Advise the University on operational health and safety matters through its Office of Environmental Health and Safety and its Committee on Health and Safety
- Act as health and safety resources and advocates for our respective units
- Serve as the primary contact to distribute environmental health and safety information to our respective units
- Share environmental health and safety knowledge and resources within the Safety Partner organization and throughout the University

## **Membership**

The membership of the USP will encompass both academic and administrative areas of the University, as follows:

A representative from each of the Schools of Business, Earth Sciences, Education, Engineering, Humanities and Sciences, Law, Medicine and Independent Labs;

A representative from the Stanford Health (soon to be UCSF Stanford Health Care);

A representative each from Facilities Operations, Procurement, and Housing and Food Services;

The Director of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S); and such other representatives as the University Safety Partners or Director shall from time to time determine; and

Representatives from Cowell Health Center and Risk Management will be welcome to attend all meetings.

It is recognized that EH&S staff has a critical role in the success of the USP. University Safety Partners and EH&S School-liaisons and are expected to attend USP meetings or send a representative when unable to do so. Other EH&S staff with items on the agenda, members of the University community, and guests will be invited to attend as appropriate.

## **USP Responsibilities**

Develop programs that encourage and support safe and compliant workplace practices in our respective areas;

Keep our respective areas in compliance with all University policies and governmental regulations concerning occupational health and safety and environmental quality;

Serve as an environmental health and safety resource to their respective deans, directors, faculty, staff, students, and administrative personnel;

Act an advocate for their School or Administrative area within the University health and safety community;

Facilitate and integrate services among their School or Administrative Departments, EH&S and internal or external support providers;

Review new or proposed laws, regulations, and University policies relating to the environment and health and safety in the workplace;

Collaborate on planning for the implementation of such laws, regulations or policies within the schools and departments, including financial planning;

Represent their respective Schools to the University and EH&S on matters concerning government regulations and University policies;

Consider changes in policies or programs and, after consultation with respective deans and vice presidents, recommend policy and/or program changes to the Director of EH&S, the University Committee on Health and Safety, deans and vice presidents or other University officials;

Provide information and feedback to EH&S managers to assist in maintaining the quality and usefulness of EH&S services; and

Provide a principal point of communication for health and safety matters within the schools and departments represented by members of the USP.

### **USP Expectations of SU EH&S**

Provide expertise in the development and delivery of appropriate training;

Provide inspection services for fire, occupational safety for general workplaces, radioactive materials and equipment, biohazardous materials and related equipment, and high hazard areas such as laboratories and shops, and other appropriate regulatory compliance requirements such as Santa Clara County toxics program and any new initiatives by local, state and federal agencies;

Provide research protocol review as needed;

Provide expanding electronic access to EH&S documentation; data bases; and electronic/digital training;

Provide leadership in continuing development of deans and vice president's departmental emergency operations plans; and

Provide partner program audits as needed.