The School Administrator & Science Laboratories: What You Need to Know About Safety & Liability

March 10, 2014
PIMMS c/o Wesleyan University
51 Green Street, Middletown, CT
9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon
Check-in begins at 8:30 AM

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Learning Objectives

If you are a school or central office administrator and/or supervisor responsible for employees who work in science labs, such as science teachers, special education paraprofessionals, or custodians, this workshop is for you!

Compared to most other academic disciplines, science education and the laboratories in which it is taught are special relative to legal standards and professional best practices. Why? Without proper safety standards and protocols, labs can be unsafe places in which to work and learn. This has the potential to expose school administrators to liability.

OSHA places the responsibility for laboratory safety directly on school administrators. The board of education, superintendent, school principal, and science supervisors are directly charged with:

- Safety training and enforcement for science teachers and paraprofessionals. This includes training new science teachers upon their initial assignments and retraining veteran science teachers when changes are made relative to workplace hazards or assignments.
- Being aware of and ultimately responsible for their district’s Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) and compliance with OSHA’s laboratory safety requirements.

What exactly do the legal standards require? Having a written Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP), assigning a chemical hygiene officer (CHO), and supervising and enforcing health and safety standards for employees, for starters.

Managing laboratory safety and reducing administrator, supervisor and teacher liability go hand-in-hand. This training program will acquaint administrators, science supervisors, principals and others responsible for science education to legally based safety protocols and liability concerns. Participants will gain a working knowledge of appropriate legal standards and prudent safety practices in a school science laboratory, including:

- Code requirements for OSHA’s mandated Science Laboratory and Hazard Communications Standards.
- Prudent practices and regulations resources.
- Strategies to promote safer academic science laboratories and to avoid liability issues.

Summary

This training program is designed for school administrators and supervisors of science teachers and paraprofessionals. It will focus on appropriate legal standards and professional best practices to help create a safer working environment in middle and high school academic science laboratories. It will also help participants better protect themselves, their employees, students and school district relative to liability issues.

Audience

This training program is designed for:

- School Administrators for Science Teachers
- School Supervisors for Science Teachers
- Central Office Curriculum Coordinators for Science Education
- Science Department Chairs
- School Health and Safety Personnel

About the Instructor

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Dr. Roy is on staff at the Glastonbury Public Schools as the Director of Environmental Health & Safety. He is an authorized OSHA training instructor. He serves as the science safety consultant/compliance officer for professional organizations such as the National Science Teachers Association and the National Science Education Leadership Association. He is a syndicated safety columnist worldwide and also the contributing safety editor/columnist for NSTA’s The Science Teacher, Science Scope and Science & Children. Dr. Roy provides safety trainer/consultant services for CIRMA and CSSN.

As manager and senior consultant of National Safety Consultants, LLC, he provides professional services to educational and business communities in the areas of employee and employer safety.