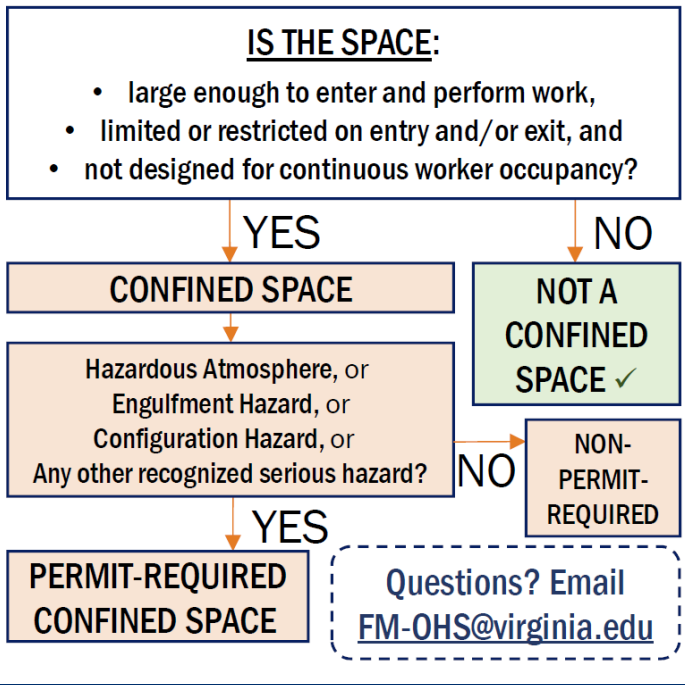


## September's focus is Confined Space Awareness

### CONFINED SPACES – Evaluating Your Workspace:



### Permit-Required Confined Spaces are a leading cause of workplace fatalities:

- **85%** of the incidents a SUPERVISOR was present.
- **29%** of the dead were SUPERVISORS.
- **31%** had WRITTEN Confined Space Entry PROCEDURES, but
- **0%** used the WRITTEN PROCEDURES.
- **15%** had Confined Space TRAINING.
- **0%** had a RESCUE PLAN.
- **60%** of “RESCUERS” also died.
- **95%** were AUTHORIZED by supervision.
- **0%** of the spaces were TESTED prior to entry.
- **0%** were VENTILATED.
- Out of 100 deaths that were investigated, the main reason the workers entered the confined space were to perform **routine maintenance, repairs, and inspections.**

### SAFETY TRAINING:

View on the OHS website:  
<http://bit.ly/FMOHSTraining>.

OHS Training Request Form:  
<https://at.virginia.edu/2EePKxW>

- All FM-OHS training courses are provided to Facilities Management employees at no charge.
- However, an 'accept' or 'decline' response to the calendar invitation is mandatory within 3 business days.
- **Supervisors will be notified of an employee's decline or missed attendance in assigned training sessions. Declining an assigned training will result in the inability of the employee to perform the work; and if an employee performs work for which they have not been trained or re-certified, they will be subject to disciplinary action.**

### NEW! OSHA 10 & OSHA 30 Training Dates

#### OSHA 10 General Industry (2 day class)

October 2, 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM &  
October 9, 7:30 AM to Noon

#### OSHA 30 Construction (4 day class)

October 16, 30, November 6, 13  
7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

*You must attend all class dates to receive the OSHA certification. If you miss one day, you will not get credit for the entire training course.*

### To Register for Training:

**Your supervisor must email**

**[FM-OHS@virginia.edu](mailto:FM-OHS@virginia.edu).**

**Be sure to include the following:**

- Class(es) requested
- Employee first & last name
- Computing ID (ex: mst3k)
- Preferred date, if desired
- What are your typical working hours?

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**New Committee Members!**

If safety is your passion and you would like to get more involved to support one of Facilities Management's Core Initiatives, please send an email to [FM-OHS@Virginia.edu](mailto:FM-OHS@Virginia.edu).

*We are happy to start our safety journey with you!*

**Just some of the things Occupational Health & Safety was up to last month:**

**9 Safety Surveys**, *excluding Bond House*  
**547 positive observations & 0 negative observations**  
*(top 10s listed on next page)*

**Additionally:** ■ **32 site visits** ■ **12 Safety Obs. submitted** ■ **3 Fall Protection assessments** ■ **2 Noise Concern/Samplings conducted** ■ **1 motor vehicle concern** ■ **1 signage concern** ■ **1 loading dock evaluation** ■ **1 heat stress concern** ■ **1 lift plan review** ■ **1 ergonomic evaluation** ■ **1 Lockout/Tagout concern addressed**

**So You Know: Eye Washes Requirements!**

OSHA's 29 CFR 1910.151(c) says, "Where the eyes or body of any person may be exposed to injurious corrosive materials, suitable facilities for quick drenching or flushing of the eyes and body shall be provided within the work area for immediate emergency use."

*Showers and eyewashes should be located within a 10 second travel distance from a hazard.*

While the water bottles commonly found in hazardous locations are helpful, they are only supplemental and are not meant to provide adequate response in the event of an exposure to a corrosive material.

There are options on the market to convert existing sinks to an eyewash station. In addition, several manufacturers produce stations that don't require plumbing and use a saline solution that is good for two years before it has to be replaced.

**Contact FM-OHS if you have any questions:**

[FM-OHS@Virginia.edu](mailto:FM-OHS@Virginia.edu).



**OHS Monthly Safety Initiatives**

FM's Occupational Health and Safety Department will be focusing on one safety initiative each month of 2019. Safety Committees are encouraged to add this to their agendas, think about it as a theme for their safety posters, and conduct toolbox talks related to the theme. Please do not hesitate to be in touch with [FM-OHS@virginia.edu](mailto:FM-OHS@virginia.edu) if you have any ques-

<u>Month</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January	Electrical ✓
February	Personal Protective Equipment ✓
March	Ladders ✓
April	Safe Lifting & Materials Handling ✓
May	Fall Protection ✓
June	Heat Stress ✓
July	Housekeeping ✓
August	Worksite Control ✓
September	Confined Space
October	Hazard Communication (HazCom)
November	Machines & Tool Guarding
December	Slips, Trips, & Falls

**IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- **OHS Homepage:** <https://www.fm.virginia.edu/depts/ohs/index.html>
- **Safety Shoe Request link:** <http://bit.ly/FMOHSprog> (under Red Wing Shoe Program)
- **NOMINATE a Safety Champion:** <http://bit.ly/SafetyChamps> (at top)
- **NEAR MISS FORM:** For incidents or near-incidents that did not result in injury/first aid: <http://bit.ly/FMNearMiss>
- **INCIDENT REPORTING FORM:** For incidents resulting in an injury/first aid: <http://bit.ly/FMAccidentRpt>

**Reminder of NEW Process for Safety Shoes:**

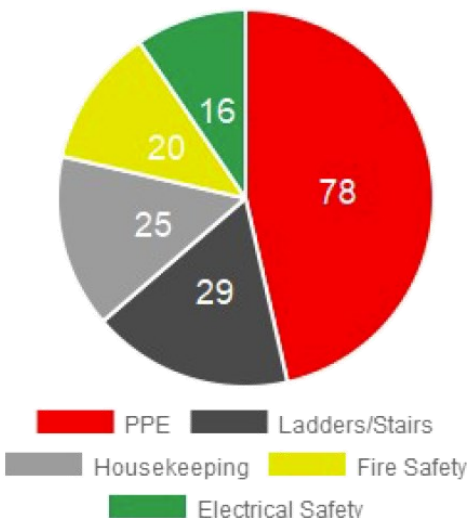
- OHS will no longer be sending eligibility emails
- As always, it is the supervisors' & employees' responsibility to submit the shoe request through the shoe request portal.

Submit a safety shoe request: [http://bit.ly/PPE\\_FAQ](http://bit.ly/PPE_FAQ)



**Top Negative Observations for the Last 12 Months:**

Top 5 Categories (Of Issues)



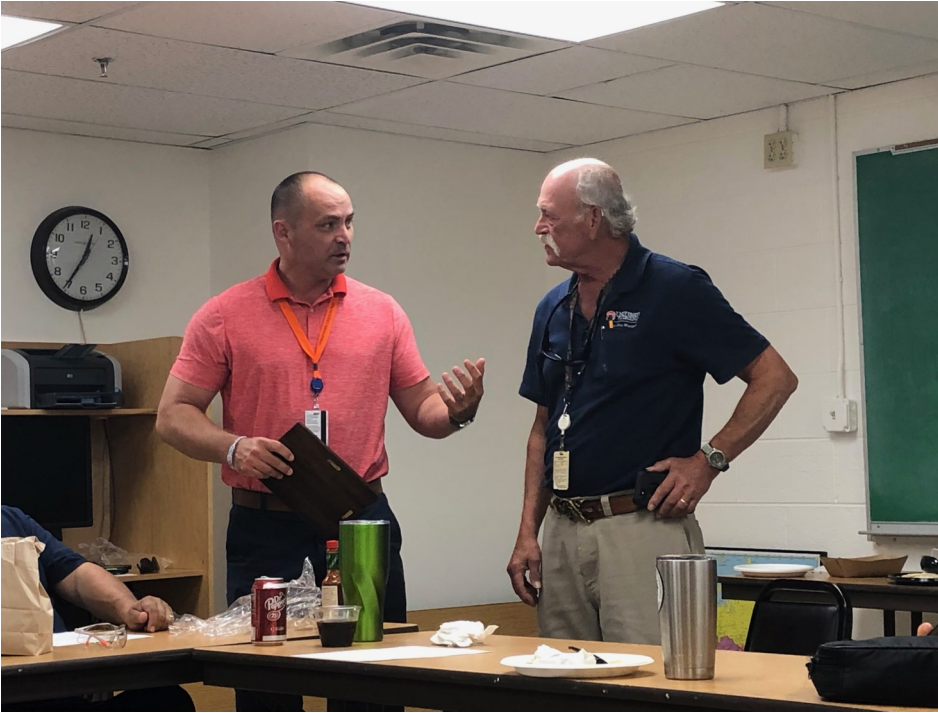
CATEGORY	#
1 Not all employees used ANSI approved eye protection as required (1926.102)	30
2 Appropriate PPE is not always used/worn as required (1926.95)	29
3 Housekeeping is unacceptable/needs improvement (1926.25)	10
4 Exits are not available and/or free of obstructions (1926.34)	8
5 Portable fire extinguishers are not inspected periodically (i.e. monthly) (1926.150)	7
6 Ladder(s) are found to be defective and/or not tagged and removed from service (1926.1053)	7
7 Electrical cords are not adequately protected or kept clear of working spaces and walkways (1926.416)	7
8 Measures are not taken (i.e. fencing, signs, etc.) or they are not adequate to restrict public access to jobsite	6
9 Hard hats not always worn as required (1926.100)	6
10 Aisles/passageways are not clear and unobstructed and/or they are not maintained in good repair(1926.250)	5



## **THANK YOU! Scheffel Carpenter**

Longtime HSPP Safety Committee member Scheffel Carpenter retired this past month. FM & OHS would like to express our gratitude to Scheffel's time and service to the safety of FM employees. FM Assistant Director Trey Dean and HSPP Director Derek Wilson attended the latest HSPP Safety Committee meeting to recognize his contributions. Scheffel received a Yeti-style coffee mug emblazoned with Bernie the Bee, as well as a plaque created by the FM Sign Shop that reads:

*"In recognition of and gratitude to Donald Scheffel Carpenter and his years of service to the Health Systems Physical Plant Safety Committee, many of which he served as chair. Scheffel was instrumental in the creation of and support of Bernie the Bee in 2017, who later became the OHS mascot. Thank you, Scheffel, for your many contributions!"*



## **OHS Programs**

Check out the OHS Programs Page: <http://bit.ly/FMOHSprog> *The Electrical Safety Program has new updates!*