

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: General Safety

Number: 99-12-15

POLICY: This policy establishes the University's fundamental obligation for the safety of the University community as set forth by President Robert L. Carothers on January 10, 1992.

APPLICABILITY: Faculty, Staff, Employees, Students, Guests. This policy applies to URI Kingston Campus, Narragansett Bay Campus (GSO), W. Alton Jones Campus, and Providence CCE Campus, and applies to all departments and organizations on each of these campuses.

PURPOSE: To safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of students, personnel, and the visiting public whenever they participate in a campus activity. To provide and maintain a safe and healthful campus environment through the implementation of a campus environmental health and safety program. To prevent accidents and injuries and to help each member of the University of Rhode Island Community to maintain a high standard of safety and health.

PROCEDURE: Overall responsibility for the campus environmental health and safety program rests with the Department of Safety and Risk Management. Under the supervision of the Director of Safety and Risk Management, the Department will coordinate and regulate the University-wide environmental health and safety programs.

The University recognizes its obligation to employees and students alike, and in turn, expects them to discharge their assigned duties conscientiously in the safest manner possible and to respect the administrative authority of those directing these activities.

As such, every member of the faculty, staff, and student body at the University is responsible for complying with established health and safety regulations, for taking necessary precautions to prevent injury to one's self and to others, for promptly reporting all accidents, injuries, hazardous conditions, practices, and operating procedures to the Department of Safety and Risk Management and for constantly practicing sound safety principles in whatever activities undertaken on campus.