

Chapter 1 : Welcome to the new Health & Safety website – Department of Engineering Health & Safety

Health and safety engineers must have a bachelor's degree, typically in environmental health and safety or in an engineering discipline. Employers value practical experience, so cooperative-education engineering programs at universities are valuable as well.

Accident rates have been falling in recent years, due partly to changes in health and safety legislation and best working practices, and partly due to advances in technology which has resulted in safer equipment and better personal protective equipment. Why do I need to consider civil engineering health and safety? Every year there are still around 50 fatal accidents and around 30, new occupational disease cases are reported. Civil engineering health and safety is particularly important because civil engineering presents some additional hazards that the rest of the construction sector does not face. What specific civil engineering health and safety considerations need to be made? There are a number of activities that are specific to the civil engineering sector, and as well as covering the general hazards, a civil engineering health and safety plan needs to take these additional hazardous activities into account. These hazardous activities include: Working at height Working at depth, including tunnelling Work over water The use of extremely heavy machinery The use of explosives How do you develop a civil engineering health and safety plan? As with any health and safety plan, the basic approach for developing a civil engineering health and safety plan is to: Identify the hazards that your business faces Eliminate those hazards if possible Minimise the potential impact of those hazards if it is not possible to eliminate them completely Elimination of a hazard could be achieved by a change in work procedures, but it is not always possible to eliminate a hazard. If you are building a bridge, often that will mean working over water, for instance. Where a hazard cannot be eliminated, minimising the impact of the hazard will include both reducing the chance of an accident occurring as well as reducing the potential impact should an accident occur. Developing a civil engineering health and safety plan will involve some site surveys, but it is about a lot more than walking around a construction site with a clipboard. A lot of the work will be office based, analysing working procedures and best practices. As well as an overall civil engineering health and safety plan, there may also be a need to develop specific health and safety plans for specific activities or projects, such as the use of explosives or the construction of a tunnel. Who is responsible for civil engineering health and safety? Every business should have a Health and Safety Policy, and that will nominate the person with overall responsibility for health and safety. It may also name certain individuals with day to day responsibility for specific areas of health and safety. Even though there will be specific people named in the health and safety policy, health and safety is the responsibility of everyone, including: The board of directors.

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Health and Safety Engineers are involved in the design and implementation of systems for the protection of human health and safety of the environment.

Employers value practical experience, so cooperative-education engineering programs at universities are valuable as well. Engineering students interested in becoming health and safety engineers also should take courses in occupational safety and health, industrial hygiene, ergonomics, or environmental safety. ABET accredits programs in engineering. Many colleges and universities offer cooperative-education programs, which allow students to gain practical experience while completing their education. Health and safety engineers must be able to interpret federal and state regulations and their intent so that they can propose proper designs for specific work environments. Health and safety engineers also prepare and present training materials to workers and must be able to describe new regulations and procedures to a variety of audiences. Health and safety engineers produce designs showing potential problems and remedies for them. They must be creative, in order to deal with situations that are unique to a project. Health and safety engineers must be able to identify hazards to humans and property in the workplace or in the home before those hazards cause material damage or become a health threat. Health and safety engineers must observe and learn how operations function so that they can identify risks to people and property. This requires the ability to think in terms of overall processes within an organization. Health and safety engineers can then recommend systemic changes to minimize risks. In designing solutions for entire organizational operations, health and safety engineers must take into account processes from more than one system at the same time. In addition, they must try to anticipate a range of human reactions to the changes they recommend. Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations for Health and Safety Engineers Licensure is not required for entry-level positions as a health and safety engineer. Licensed engineers are called professional engineers PEs. A PE can oversee the work of other engineers, sign off on projects, and provide services directly to the public. Each state issues its own licenses. Several states require continuing education for engineers to keep their licenses. Health and safety engineers can earn professional certifications, including the following: The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. The median annual wages for health and safety engineers in the top industries in which they work are as follows: Engineering services Management, scientific, and technical consulting services 92,

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Health and safety in the engineering industry This website will help you manage typical engineering industry risk. The engineering industry guidance is currently under review and new and revised content will be published here over the coming months.

Due to the nature of the activities which take place in our facilities, familiarity with our health and safety resources and training is vital for all students and staff. In case of emergency call: Follow these procedures for biological, chemical and radioactive materials. Prior to working with hazardous materials: All University of Waterloo UW employees and students handling hazardous materials are required to be trained in spill procedures. Obtain proper spill kits and clean up equipment. Small spills that pose no immediate threat to health: Notify occupants in the immediate area of the spill. Use spill kits to absorb and contain according to spill procedure. Place material in a secure and ventilated area. Contact Safety Office at ext. Large spills or spills that pose an immediate threat to health: Remove sources of ignition if possible. All members of the University community must report to their supervisor any injury or illness related to their work or assignments includes University of Waterloo walkways, parking lots and field sites. University Facilitate the implementation of corrective actions identified through the process of incident investigation. Conduct investigations of hazardous situations, medical aid and lost time injuries effectively and in a timely manner Implement corrective actions to eliminate or reduce hazards Ensure that the Safety Office is notified of an incident involving bodily injury within 24 hours of the occurrence. Ensure that appropriate training is provided to all workers. Protect the safety of employees, students, public, equipment and facilities from further injury or damage. Participate in incident investigations to assist in identifying causes and corrective actions. Liaise with external government agencies, where required Notify an appropriate JHSC worker member and provide a report to the Ministry of Labour and the JHSC where a person is killed or critically injured Notify an appropriate JHSC worker member of all workplace injuries resulting in medical aid or time lost from work. Participate in incident investigations when requested, or for where further investigation is warranted see s. Submit a report to the Ministry of Labour where a worker is killed or critically injured. Consult on corrective actions to reduce or eliminate workplace hazards Receive reports on workplace incidents and follow up as necessary through the request of further information, further investigation, or recommendations to management. UW Police Provide emergency response and first aid if required Assume control of an incident scene where a worker has been critically injured or killed. Notify the Safety Office immediately where a worker has been critically injured or killed, or in the event of any other critical incident significant property damage, fire, hazardous materials incident.

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Typically, health and safety engineers must have a bachelor's degree in engineering or environmental health engineering for entry-level positions. However, some natural science or mathematics graduates can find work, especially when employees are in high demand.

State and local government, excluding education and hospitals 10 Heavy and civil engineering construction 8 Most health and safety engineers work full time. Another acceptable field of study is occupational or industrial hygiene. Employers value practical experience, so cooperative-education engineering programs at universities are valuable as well. Education High school students interested in becoming health and safety engineers will benefit from taking high school courses in math, such as algebra, trigonometry, and calculus; and science, such as biology, chemistry, and physics. In addition to programs in mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering, programs in systems engineering and fire protection engineering are offered at some colleges and universities. Students interested in becoming a health and safety engineer should seek out coursework in occupational safety and health, industrial hygiene, ergonomics, or environmental safety. Students interested in entering the relatively new field of software safety engineering may pursue a degree in computer science. Many colleges and universities offer cooperative programs, which allow students to gain practical experience while completing their education. ABET accredits programs in engineering. Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations Only a few states require health and safety engineers to be licensed. Licensure is generally advised for those opting for a career in systems safety engineering. Licensed engineers are called professional engineers PEs. Licensure generally requires the following: States requiring licensure usually require continuing education for engineers in order to keep their license. Health and safety engineers typically have professional certification. Certification is generally needed to advance into management positions. Advancement New health and safety engineers usually work under the supervision of experienced engineers. This advanced degree allows an engineer to develop and implement safety programs. Certification as a safety professional or as an industrial hygienist is generally required for entry into management positions. Personality and Interests Health and safety engineers typically have an interest in the Building, Thinking and Organizing interest areas, according to the Holland Code framework. The Building interest area indicates a focus on working with tools and machines, and making or fixing practical things. The Thinking interest area indicates a focus on researching, investigating, and increasing the understanding of natural laws. The Organizing interest area indicates a focus on working with information and processes to keep things arranged in orderly systems. If you are not sure whether you have a Building or Thinking or Organizing interest which might fit with a career as a health and safety engineer, you can take a career test to measure your interests. Health and safety engineers should also possess the following specific qualities: Health and safety engineers are asked to produce designs showing potential problems and remedies for them. They must be creative to work with unique situations during each project. Health and safety engineers must identify potential hazards and problems before they cause material damage or become a health threat. Thus, these engineers must be able to sense hazards to humans and property wherever they may arise in the workplace or in the home. Health and safety engineers must observe and learn how operations function so that they can identify risks to people and property. This type of observation and learning requires the ability to think in terms of overall processes within an organization. Health and safety engineers can then recommend systemic changes to minimize risks. In designing solutions for entire organizational operations, health and safety engineers must take into account processes from more than one system at the same time. In addition, they must try to anticipate a range of human reactions to the changes they recommend. Health and safety engineers must be able to interpret federal and state regulations and understand the goals of those regulations so that they can propose proper designs for specific work environments. The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less. In May , the median annual wages for health and safety engineers in the top four industries in which these engineers worked were as follows:

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Health and Safety Engineer Salaries [About this section] [More salary/earnings info] []. The median annual wage for health and safety engineers is \$86, The median wage is the wage at which half the workers in an occupation earned more than that amount and half earned less.

Engineers will design a solution to a problem and create a blueprint of the machine. They then develop prototypes and oversee the production and manufacturing of the final product. While much of a mechanical engineers work is done on a computer and in an office setting, they also spend time around dangerous tools and machines and hazardous chemicals at job sites and in laboratories. Dangers in Mechanical Engineering When developing, testing and manufacturing new designs, mechanical engineers work with and around many types of machinery and equipment. This includes generators and other power-producing equipment, manufacturing equipment such as conveyor systems and machine tools, robots used in production and other industrial equipment. Mechanical engineers also may come into contact with dangerous chemicals including cleaning solutions, paint and other surface finishes. Personal Protective Equipment Some areas of a work site or laboratory require the use of personal protective equipment as required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. For example, laser glasses must be used in areas where lasers are in use. Safety glasses are necessary when there is flying debris, chemical fumes or liquid chemicals or acids. Hard hats provide additional protection from falling objects. Mechanical engineers must wear steel-toed shoes when there is a danger from falling or rolling objects or hazards that may pierce the sole. Engineers must keep personal protective equipment clean and in good working order. If personal protective equipment is damaged, it must be replaced. Pressurized Gas and Vacuum Systems Pressurized gas systems, such as air compressors, present a potential hazard. In addition to the high pressure, some of these systems are flammable. Eye protection must be used when operating pressurized systems. Compressed gas never should be aimed at another person or used on clothing. Vacuum systems also store a large amount of energy and may cause injury. Hazardous Chemical Exposure Although mechanical engineers encounter hazardous chemicals less frequently than other potential dangers, they still must take safety precautions to avoid exposure or skin contact. In addition to using the required personal protective equipment, each work site or laboratory must have material safety data sheets for all chemicals and materials used on the site. The material safety data sheets contain information about the effects of exposure and what to do in case of exposure to each chemical. All chemicals must be identifiable with a clear label. General Safety Considerations All workers, including mechanical engineers, must keep all work areas clean and free of unnecessary hazards. Debris should be cleaned up and kept clear of walkways. Hoses should be elevated above workers or covered with a crossover plank. All spills must be promptly cleaned. Emergency exits and access to fire alarms must be kept clear. Bureau of Labor Statistics. In , , people were employed in the U.

Chapter 6 : What is Safety Engineering? - Definition from Safeopedia

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Analysis techniques[edit] Analysis techniques can be split into two categories: Both approaches share the goal of finding causal dependencies between a hazard on system level and failures of individual components. Qualitative approaches focus on the question "What must go wrong, such that a system hazard may not occur? Traditionally, safety analysis techniques rely solely on skill and expertise of the safety engineer. In the last decade model-based approaches have become prominent. In contrast to traditional methods, model-based techniques try to derive relationships between causes and consequences from some sort of model of the system. Traditional methods for safety analysis[edit] The two most common fault modeling techniques are called failure mode and effects analysis and fault tree analysis. These techniques are just ways of finding problems and of making plans to cope with failures, as in probabilistic risk assessment. One of the earliest complete studies using this technique on a commercial nuclear plant was the WASH study, also known as the Reactor Safety Study or the Rasmussen Report. Failure modes and effects analysis[edit] Main article: Failure mode and effects analysis Failure Mode and Effects Analysis FMEA is a bottom-up, inductive analytical method which may be performed at either the functional or piece-part level. For functional FMEA, failure modes are identified for each function in a system or equipment item, usually with the help of a functional block diagram. For piece-part FMEA, failure modes are identified for each piece-part component such as a valve, connector, resistor, or diode. The effects of the failure mode are described, and assigned a probability based on the failure rate and failure mode ratio of the function or component. This quantization is difficult for software a bug exists or not, and the failure models used for hardware components do not apply. Temperature and age and manufacturing variability affect a resistor; they do not affect software. Failure modes with identical effects can be combined and summarized in a Failure Mode Effects Summary. Fault tree analysis[edit] Main article: Fault tree analysis Fault tree analysis FTA is a top-down, deductive analytical method. In FTA, initiating primary events such as component failures, human errors, and external events are traced through Boolean logic gates to an undesired top event such as an aircraft crash or nuclear reactor core melt. The intent is to identify ways to make top events less probable, and verify that safety goals have been achieved. FTA may be qualitative or quantitative. When failure and event probabilities are unknown, qualitative fault trees may be analyzed for minimal cut sets. For example, if any minimal cut set contains a single base event, then the top event may be caused by a single failure. Some industries use both fault trees and event trees. An event tree starts from an undesired initiator loss of critical supply, component failure etc. As each new event is considered, a new node on the tree is added with a split of probabilities of taking either branch. The probabilities of a range of "top events" arising from the initial event can then be seen. Safety certification[edit] Typically, safety guidelines prescribe a set of steps, deliverable documents, and exit criterion focused around planning, analysis and design, implementation, verification and validation, configuration management, and quality assurance activities for the development of a safety-critical system. Thereby, higher quality traceability information can simplify the certification process and help to establish trust in the maturity of the applied development process. Once a failure mode is identified, it can usually be mitigated by adding extra or redundant equipment to the system. For example, nuclear reactors contain dangerous radiation , and nuclear reactions can cause so much heat that no substance might contain them. Therefore, reactors have emergency core cooling systems to keep the temperature down, shielding to contain the radiation, and engineered barriers usually several, nested, surmounted by a containment building to prevent accidental leakage. Safety-critical systems are commonly required to permit no single event or component failure to result in a catastrophic failure mode. Most biological organisms have a certain amount of redundancy: For any given failure, a fail-over or redundancy can almost always be designed and incorporated into a system. There are two categories of techniques to reduce the probability of failure: Fault avoidance techniques increase the reliability of individual items increased design margin, de-rating, etc. Fault tolerance

techniques increase the reliability of the system as a whole redundancies, barriers, etc. Reliability engineering Safety engineering and reliability engineering have much in common, but safety is not reliability. If a medical device fails, it should fail safely; other alternatives will be available to the surgeon. If the engine on a single-engine aircraft fails, there is no backup. Electrical power grids are designed for both safety and reliability; telephone systems are designed for reliability, which becomes a safety issue when emergency e. US "" calls are placed. Probabilistic risk assessment has created a close relationship between safety and reliability. Component reliability, generally defined in terms of component failure rate , and external event probability are both used in quantitative safety assessment methods such as FTA. Related probabilistic methods are used to determine system Mean Time Between Failure MTBF , system availability, or probability of mission success or failure. Reliability analysis has a broader scope than safety analysis, in that non-critical failures are considered. On the other hand, higher failure rates are considered acceptable for non-critical systems. Safety generally cannot be achieved through component reliability alone. When adding equipment is impractical usually because of expense , then the least expensive form of design is often "inherently fail-safe". That is, change the system design so its failure modes are not catastrophic. Inherent fail-safes are common in medical equipment, traffic and railway signals, communications equipment, and safety equipment. The typical approach is to arrange the system so that ordinary single failures cause the mechanism to shut down in a safe way for nuclear power plants, this is termed a passively safe design, although more than ordinary failures are covered. Alternately, if the system contains a hazard source such as a battery or rotor, then it may be possible to remove the hazard from the system so that its failure modes cannot be catastrophic. If the valve sticks open, rather than causing an overflow and damage, the tank spills into an overflow. Another common example is that in an elevator the cable supporting the car keeps spring-loaded brakes open. If the cable breaks, the brakes grab rails, and the elevator cabin does not fall. Some systems can never be made fail safe, as continuous availability is needed. For example, loss of engine thrust in flight is dangerous. Redundancy, fault tolerance, or recovery procedures are used for these situations e. This also makes the system less sensitive for the reliability prediction errors or quality induced uncertainty for the separate items.

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2 PREFACE Health and safety issues are important in engineering, management and other fields. Most professional engineering associations point out that health and safety are issues of utmost.

Chapter 8 : Health and Safety Engineers: Know It All In 1 Minute

A Guide To Civil Engineering Health and Safety Health and safety is important across the construction sector, and civil engineering health and safety is part of that. Accident rates have been falling in recent years, due partly to changes in health and safety legislation and best working practices, and partly due to advances in technology which.

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the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) or local and national newspapers and radio stations. Indeed, the death of over people every year at work is an illustration of the importance of effective education and training.