

College of Engineering Safety Standard

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Safety Starts with you

Start the Semester Safely

As the fall semester begins, many *College of Engineering* laboratories, classrooms, shops, and research spaces are coming back to life. New students and employees are joining research groups, equipment is being restarted, and familiar workspaces may look a little different after the summer.

Fall is a good time to take a few minutes to **reset, refocus, and make safety part of the start-up process.**

Before beginning work, take a fresh look at your workspace. Do you know where the emergency exits, eyewashes, safety showers, fire extinguishers, and emergency equipment are located? Are required safety trainings complete? Are chemicals properly labeled and stored? Is your personal protective equipment in good condition? Are electrical cords, power strips, equipment, and other tools free from damage?

Remember, **safety is not something we check once and forget about—it is part of how we do our work every day.** Taking a few minutes to identify and address hazards can prevent injuries, equipment damage, and disruptions later.

Back to Campus = Back to Safety



Scan QR code to view
available trainings



Active Threat Response – Online Training



Remember to...



Inspect Ladder Before Each Use!

When was the last time you inspected the ladder in your lab?

OSHA requires ladders to be inspected before initial use during each work shift, and more frequently as necessary, to identify any visible defects that could cause injury.

As part of the College of Engineering's Ladder Safety Program, you may begin seeing stickers with the graphic above and a **QR code** on ladders throughout our labs. The QR code provides quick access to an online ladder inspection form, making it easy to document inspections and identify issues before they become a problem.

Don't wait for a ladder problem to find you. Take a few minutes to inspect it before use.

If you would like to proactively obtain a ladder inspection sticker, contact
coesafety@engr.wisc.edu.

Emergency Preparedness Resources

- [UW Campus Safety Quick Guide](#)
- [UW Emergency Procedure Guide](#)
- [Building Emergency Response Guide](#)
- [COE Emergency Occupant Plans](#)
- [COE Building Manager List](#)
- [BadgerSAFE app](#)



WHAT TIME OF YEAR DO
PEOPLE GET INJURED
THE MOST?



IN THE FALL.

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