Changing the Safety Culture – We All Have a Role!

• Work with EHS. We are here to help. We can provide training, develop new training, and help you utilize existing safety tools.

• Lab workers champion safety with your PI, PIs champion safety with campus leadership.

• Create a laboratory safety committee within your lab and with campus leadership.

• Model good behavior
  -Wear your ppe, dress appropriately, don’t eat in the lab.

• Enforce training requirements.
  - Has everyone in your lab taken lab safety fundamentals before starting work? Did they take fire safety and hazmat spills? Does your lab need additional training such as biosafety?

• Consider safety when hiring and reviewing lab workers and faculty.

• Report near misses so others can learn. Do not penalize reporting.

• PI has authority and responsibility for safety in his/her lab.

For more information, see the APLU guide to implementing a safety culture in our universities at http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/research-science-and-technology/task-force-laboratory-safety/