

April 17th, 1:30pm

Attending

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Topics

- **Updates to the SPPM**
 - Driving University Vehicles
 - University Vehicle Accidents
- **Upcoming and Recent Safety Trainings**
 - Skagit Co. Farm Vehicle Safety – April 15th and 16th
 - Palouse Conservation Field Station Safety Day – May 28th
- **National Safety Observances – Distracted Driving, Worker’s Memorial Day**
 - Do a Vehicle Inspection Before Use
 - Do **Not** Get Behind the Wheel if You Are:
 - *Intoxicated*
 - *Ill*
 - *Incapacitated/injured*
 - *Not trained fully in that vehicle's use*
 - Use Proper Safety Mechanisms, Including:
 - *Roll-over protections (RoPS)*
 - *Safety belts*
 - *Cargo straps/secure attachments*
 - *Any and all PPE required*
 - Reduce Distractions and Risk
 - Disconnect/silence your cellphone
 - *Hands-free keeps your attention elsewhere*
 - Take frequent breaks to:
 - *Reduce discomfort from a fixed position and eye strain*
 - *Use the restroom*
 - *Eat and hydrate yourself*
 - Keep others informed of your travel plans and route

- Conduct Frequent Job Hazard Analyzes Using The:
 - [Hierarchy of Controls](#)
 - [Safety Self-Inspection Master Sheet](#)
 - [Walk-Around Guide for Safety Officers](#)
- **Excavation – Call Before You Dig!**
 - [Washington Utility Notification Center](#)
- **Heat Illness – Awareness and Prevention**
 - Keep plenty of water on hand – consider hydration and eyewashes
 - Take regular breaks in shade or cooled areas with ventilation
 - Keep emergency communication lines open and easy to access
 - Monitor at-risk employees – people who are newly hired, ill, or disabled
 - Allow for acclimatization of new employees and those transitioning to different work areas or schedules
 - Use a buddy system for accountability and safety
- **Heat Illness Resources**
 - [Working Safely in Heat - OSHA](#)
 - [Be Heat Smart! - Washington Labor & Industries](#)
 - [Heat Illness Toolkit - PNASH](#)
 - [Wallet Cards for Workers - \(English\), \(Spanish\) - OSHA](#)
- **Mechanical Safety – Machine Guards, Lockout/Tagout, PPE**
 - [Lockout/Tagout - Washington Labor & Industries](#)
 - [Control of Hazardous Energy: Self-Checklist - CDC](#)
 - [Lockout/Tagout Standards - OSHA](#)

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- **Upcoming Training/Safety Opportunities**
 - PCFS Field Safety Day – May 28th, 2025
 - Othello Field Safety Day – Date TBA
 - Mt. Vernon New Hire Orientation Day – June 3rd, 2025
- **Dates to Remember**
 - May 1st, 2025 – Deadline for standing employees to finish Heat Illness training on Percipio (new hires must complete the training as soon as possible)