

Environmental Health and Safety

The PSC Environmental Health and Safety Watchdogs serve our members by helping to spot health, safety and environmental issues that could cause problems in our working environment. We work with members and with local chapters to investigate problem areas and to join forces in making sure that management provides an environment free of occupational hazards.

We believe that work should not be dangerous to our health, and that sustainable environments support sustainable (healthy) people. Email hswatchdogs@pscmail.org or call 212-354-1252 ext. 208 and volunteer to work with us—you are the expert in your own working environment!

PSC ENVIRONMENTAL WATCHDOGS



A healthy and safe working environment is a right and not a privilege. Turn over this page to see some of the ways that the PSC Environmental Health and Safety Watchdogs can help you and others in your chapter.

The Watchdogs Can Help You ...

- ☀ **Provide training workshops** in the following topic areas:
 - ☐ Workplace Violence Prevention (WVP) and the new WVP Standard
 - ☐ Prepare for and prevent campus construction hazards
 - ☐ Know your health and safety rights in preparing for labor-management meetings
 - ☐ Workload and stress—health and safety implications
 - ☐ Anti-bullying

- ☀ **Arrange for speakers for meetings** on topics including:
 - ☐ Green buildings
 - ☐ Sustainable campus environments
 - ☐ Workplace Violence Prevention standard (NY State)

- ☀ **Investigate campus problems** and potential problem situations:
 - ☐ Walk through new buildings with chapter members when they are opening
 - ☐ Walk through specific areas on campus with chapter members to investigate reported problems
 - ☐ Walk through areas with chapter members to assess workplace violence hazards

- ☀ **Report Problems**, such as:
 - ☐ Air quality
 - Noxious odors
 - Sick building syndrome
 - Poor ventilation: afternoon sleepiness
 - ☐ Molds and water stains
 - ☐ Blood or body fluid spills; airborne pathogens, needles
 - ☐ Flaking paint or exposed asbestos
 - ☐ Chemical hygiene problems
 - ☐ Safety and security issues

How to Report Problems

If you have a problem on your campus, please report it **immediately** to your Building and Grounds Department and/or Security. CUNY campus administrations have online systems for reporting problems.

Copy your PSC Chapter Chairperson or local Watchdog representative. Send us a copy using the form on the PSC Website www.psc-cuny.org, email hswatchdogs@pscmail.org, or call 212-354-1252 ext. 208 and ask for the Environmental Health and Safety Desk.