



Employee Safety Handbook

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At BluSky Restoration Contractors, Inc. (“BluSky”), our most valued resources are our employees, our customers, and the communities we serve. We are dedicated to providing a safe and healthful environment for employees and customers, protecting the public, and preserving BluSky properties and assets. Injuries can be prevented. In order to achieve an accident free workplace, an organized and effective Safety Program must be carried out companywide to make this policy work.

The Safety and Health Program will assist management and employees in controlling hazards which will minimize employee and customer injuries, damage to customer’s property and damage to BluSky property.

All employees will follow this program

Please take the time to study and understand these safety policies and procedures. It is your responsibility (and ours) to make this program work. You are a valued member of the team, and we care about your safety.

Safety and Health Requirements

All employees will comply with the provisions of the OSHA Health Act of 1970. Therefore, any employee who, knowingly commits an unsafe act or creates an unsafe condition, disregards the safety policy, or is a repeated safety or health offender, will be discharged. Grounds for immediate discharge are:

- 1) Drinking alcohol, and/or drug abuse prior to or during working hours
- 2) Fighting
- 3) Theft
- 4) Willful damage to property
- 5) Failure to wear eye protection, hearing protection, safety helmets, etc.
- 6) Not using safety harnesses and lanyards when there is a potential for falling
- 7) Removing and/or making inoperative safety guards on tools and equipment
- 8) Removing barriers and/or guardrails and not replacing them
- 9) Failure to follow recognized industry practices
- 10) Engaging in dangerous horseplay
- 11) Failure to notify BluSky Restoration Contractors of a hazardous situation

The following safety and accident activities will be adhered to:

- 1) Report all injuries immediately to your supervisor
- 2) Notify your supervisor should you become ill while on the job
- 3) Inform you supervisor if you have a disability or physical handicap
- 4) Never move an injured or ill person, unless to prevent further injury

Minor safety violations will be documented and a copy of the below form will become part of the employee's personnel record:

<u>Safety Hazard Citation</u>	Date: _____
Name of Violator: _____	
Location of Violation: _____	
Type of Violation: _____ _____	
Issuer's Signature: _____	
Violator's Signature: _____	

Accident and Incident Reporting

It is important that you report all accidents and incidents that result in injury, illness, or damage (however slight), to your supervisor immediately. BluSky Restoration Contractors can learn how to prevent them from occurring in the future. It is BluSky's responsibility to investigate each incident, and your responsibility to report them when they occur.

First Aid and Medical Treatment

BluSky Restoration Contractors provides a First Aid Kit for every employee to keep in their vehicle. It is there for use in the treatment of minor scratches, burns, headaches, nausea, etc. Ask your supervisor to provide one for you if you do not have one. These kits are to be available to anyone at a BluSky authorized place of business.

If you have a work related injury or illnesses that requires professional medical assistance notify your supervisor and let him/her know before you receive this assistance. If you fail to notify your supervisor, you may be ineligible for Worker's Compensation, benefits to pay for doctor's bills, and/or lost wages.

FIRST AID PROCEDURES AND INSTRUCTIONS

In all cases requiring emergency medical treatment, immediately call, or have a co-worker call, to request emergency medical assistance.

Minor First Aid Treatment

First aid kits are stored in the designated area for each individual project. If you sustain an injury or are involved in an accident requiring minor first aid treatment:

- Inform your supervisor.
- Administer first aid treatment to the injury or wound.
- If a first aid kit is used, indicate usage on the accident investigation report.
- Access to a first aid kit is not intended to be a substitute for medical attention.
- Provide details for the completion of the accident investigation report.

Non-Emergency Medical Treatment

For non-emergency work-related injuries requiring professional medical assistance, management must first authorize treatment. If you sustain an injury requiring treatment other than first aid:

- Inform your supervisor.
- Proceed to the posted medical facility. Your supervisor will assist with transportation, if necessary.
- Provide details for the completion of the accident investigation report.

Emergency Medical Treatment

If you sustain a severe injury requiring emergency treatment:

- Call for help and seek assistance from a co-worker.
- Use the emergency telephone numbers and instructions posted next to the telephone in your work area to request assistance and transportation to the local hospital emergency room.
- Provide details for the completion of the accident investigation report.

Workers' Compensation

Every state has a Workers' Compensation Law to provide benefits to employees for lost wages and medical bills resulting from a work related injury or illness. You are covered under Workers' Compensation. You may request Workers' Compensation benefits from your supervisor. Qualification for benefits is determined by the state, not by BluSky. Your

responsibilities are to keep appointments, follow all doctors' instructions on and off the job, maintain good communication with your supervisor, and to fully cooperate with all instructions you are given.

Workers' Compensation provides wages at a lower pay scale than what you may earn by working.

Doesn't it make sense to be safe so that you don't have to be out on Workers' Compensation?

Your Safety Rights

You have several important rights concerning safety, which are protected by federal, state and local laws that you should be aware of. They are:

- The right to a safe work-place free from recognized hazards
- The right to request information on safety and health hazards in the workplace, precautions that may be taken, and procedures to be followed if an employee is injured or exposed to toxic substances.
- The right to know about the hazards associated with the chemicals you work with, and the safety procedures you need to follow to protect yourself from those hazards.
- The right to question any instruction which requires you to disobey a safety rule, which puts you or someone else in unnecessary danger of serious injury, or requires you to perform a task which you have not been trained to safely perform.
- The right of freedom from retaliation for demanding your safety rights.

Your Safety Responsibilities

You also have some important responsibilities concerning safety. These are:

- The responsibility of reporting all injuries and illnesses to your supervisor, no matter how small.
- The responsibility of always following the safety rules for every task you perform,
- The responsibility of reporting any hazards you see.

- The responsibility of helping your co-workers recognize unsafe actions or conditions they cause.
- The responsibility of asking about the safety rules you are not sure about.

Employee Safety Rules

It is impossible to list or include all safety rules for all the possible tasks you may have to do. But the following rules have been prepared to help you avoid hazards, which may cause injury while doing some of the more common tasks you may be asked to do. You should study and follow the rules provided in this booklet, and to ask your supervisor for additional rules when asked to do a task you are not familiar with, and this booklet does not cover. Failure to follow safety rules and /or safe practices will result in disciplinary action, up to and including termination.

GENERAL SAFETY RULES:

- Read and follow the safety notices and other information that is posted.
- Observe and follow all safety instructions, signs, and operation procedures.
- Help your fellow employees when they ask for assistance or when needed for their safety.
- Never participate in “horseplay”. Horseplay that results in injury is often not covered by Workers’ Compensation.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Report all unsafe conditions, hazards, or equipment immediately. Make sure other people are warned of the problem so that they may avoid it.
- Wear personal protective equipment as required to reduce injury potential. Use gloves, safety glasses, back support belts, etc., as necessary.
- Never stand on chairs, furniture, or anything other than an approved ladder or step stool.
- Never use intoxicating beverages or controlled drugs before or during work. Prescription medication should only be used at work with your Doctor’s approval.

FIRE SAFETY:

- Report all fire hazards to your supervisor immediately.

- Fire fighting equipment shall be used only for fire fighting purposes.
- Smoking is not permitted at any time in the areas where “No Smoking” signs are posted.

FIRE SAFETY (continued):

- Do not block off access to fire fighting equipment.
- Keep doors, aisles, fire escapes and stairways completely unobstructed at all times.
- In the case of a fire, your first consideration must be the safety of all persons, then attention should be directed to the protection of property.
- Change clothes immediately if they are soaked with oil, gasoline, paint thinner or any other flammable liquid.
- Know how to report a fire and how to turn on a fire alarm.
- Know the location of all fire extinguishers, and how to use them.
- Know the fire exits to be used in an emergency.

HAND TOOL SAFETY:

- Wear protective equipment necessary for the job you are performing. Discuss any required safety equipment with your supervisor as changes occur.
- Defective tools must not be used.
- Do not carry sharp hand tools in clothing.
- Check all wiring on electric hand tools for proper insulation and 3-prong plug grounding.
- **Hammers:** Use eye protection at all times!
- **Screwdrivers:** Use the right size and type of screwdriver for the job. Do not use a screwdriver as a chisel.
- **Wrenches:** In using any wrench, it is better to pull than to push. If you have to push, use your open palm. Use the proper wrench for the job.

- **Handsaws:** Saws that are sharp and rust free are less likely to bind or jump. Insure the object being cut is secured tightly to a flat surface.

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT:

- Approved eye protection (safety glasses with side shields, goggles, etc.) must be worn at all times when assigned any certain job classifications. It is important to check with your supervisor to assure compliance.
- Moccasins and shoes with open toes or high heels are not permitted.
- Wear protective clothing and equipment as required by your job classification to protect against hazards at hand. These include, but are not limited to, hard hats, steel toed shoes, gloves, fall safety harnesses, ear plugs, etc.

MATERIAL HANDLING SAFETY RULES:

- When lifting, lift properly. Keep the back straight, stand close to the load, and use your leg muscles to do the lifting, keeping the load close to the body. Never twist your upper body while carrying a load.
- When lifting heavy objects, utilize a two-wheeled dolly, or, ask for assistance from another employee.
- Inspect the object you are going to lift for sharp corners, nails, black widow spiders, or other things that may cause injury.
- Use gloves when handling rough or sharp materials.

HOUSEKEEPING:

- Do not place materials in aisles, stairways, or any designated path of travel.
- Stack material at a safe height so that material will not fall if bumped. Insure heavy loads have proper support, and make sure there is no overhanging or irregular stacking of material.
- Place all trash or scrap in places provided. Clean up all spills immediately.
- Report worn or broken flooring, stair treads, handrails, furniture, or other office equipment.
- Smoking is permitted only in designated areas. Use ashtrays for disposing of butts. Do not throw butts on the floor.

Personal Protective Equipment

Purpose:

To establish the policy for employees to wear Personal Protective Equipment.

Policy:

Blu-Sky Restoration Contractors is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy workplace. All employees are expected to do their part to achieve this goal. Employees can do their part by using the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided them.

Personal Protective Equipment will be provided, used and maintained in a sanitary and reliable condition wherever it is necessary to prevent injury. Personal Protective Equipment requirements include, but are not necessarily limited to the items below:

Protective Headwear:

Where there is the exposure of overhead danger from falling objects or from electric shock or burns, protective headwear must be worn. Protective headwear is an approved hard hat that meets the requirements of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z889.1-1969).

Protective headwear will be issued to the required employees. Employees are responsible for using their hard hats while working. Also, employees must notify their supervisor about a damaged or lost hardhat immediately.

Protective Eyewear:

When there is an exposure to the eyes from flying objects, glare or liquids, protective eyewear is required. Protective eyewear is an approved safety eye protector or safety goggle, which meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Z87.1-1968).

Protective eyewear will be issued to the required employees.

Disposable Dust Masks:

When there is the potential of exposure to airborne nuisance dust or particles, disposable dust masks are required.

Protective Gloves:

When there is an exposure to the hands, protective gloves are required. Protective gloves are construction type work gloves and chemical resistive gloves.

Construction type work gloves are required for, but not limited to, employees that have an opportunity of cutting, pinching, hitting, or burning their hands.

Chemical resistive gloves are required for, but not limited to, employees that have an opportunity of spilling hazardous chemicals or corrosive material onto their hands.

Back Supports:

When employees are exposed to heavy lifting or repetitive lifting, back support devices are required.

Hazard Prevention and Control

Blu-Sky Restoration Contractors shall undertake efforts as outlined in this section to correct or control potential hazards in a timely manner.

Blu-Sky Restoration Contractors will implement methods to eliminate the hazard, and will implement procedures for safe work. Safe work will be done through training, correction of unsafe performance, and compliance through the disciplinary system.

Identified Safety and Health Concerns:

All identified potential workplace safety and health hazards should be reported to the Safety and Health Manager, or a member of management. Situations that are unsafe, or posing as a safety and health hazard, will be reviewed and reported to management for corrective action.

Newly Identified Safety and Health Concerns:

Anytime a new substance, procedure, equipment, or process is introduced into the workplace, which creates or is reported to create an unsafe condition or situation, the Safety and Health Manager will evaluate the substance, procedure, equipment, or process. Employees will have an opportunity to submit their recommendations and suggestions regarding new workplace hazards at any time.

Hazards Which Create a Risk of Imminent Harm:

When a hazard exists which BluSky Restoration Contractors cannot control or abate immediately without endangering employees and /or property, all exposed personnel will be removed from the immediate area of potential exposure, except those employees that are necessary to correct the hazardous condition. All employees involved in correcting the hazardous situation will receive appropriate training and/or instruction in how to do so. They will also be provided with the appropriate personal protective equipment.

Hazards Which Do Not Create a Risk of Imminent Harm:

Unless there are factors beyond BluSky Restoration Contractors reasonable control, such hazards are to be abated within 5 days or less.

Housekeeping:

Good housekeeping is an integral part of any effective safety program. Keeping work areas neat and clean reduces the potential for accidents and injuries. Each employee is responsible for keeping his or her work area neat, orderly, and free of any hazardous condition.

Emergency Action Plan

Purpose:

To establish the policy and procedures regarding management's and employee's response to various emergency situations. Examples of an emergency are fire, tornado, earthquake, and bomb threat.

Overview:

The procedures cover the following topics:

- 1. Fire Reporting and Response**
- 2. Bomb Threat**
- 3. First Aid**
- 4. Hazardous Material Spill**
- 5. Robbery**

Policy:

BluSky Restoration Contractors has developed plans that address emergency situations that may arise in BluSky Restoration Contractors locations and which may threaten human health and safety, and damages BluSky Restoration Contractors assets. Management is responsible for implementing the Emergency Action Plans. These Emergency Action Plans will meet the following objectives:

1. Provide a means of notifying employees, customers and local authorities of an emergency situation.
2. Provide training and needed information to those employees responsible for taking action in the event of an emergency.

Procedure:

I. Fire Reporting and Procedure:

If a fire alarm or alert is sounded or a fire is reported by an employee, regardless of the reason for the alarm or the severity of the fire, the following action must be taken immediately:

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| Senior Management | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Immediately notifies the Fire Department by dialing 911 (where applicable) or the local fire emergency number:
_____ .2. Gives Blu-Sky Restoration Contractors name, address, and area where the fire is located.3. Assigns an employee to wait for the fire department outside Blu-Sky Restoration Contractors and direct them to the fire's location. |
| Employee | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. If trained in the use of fire extinguishers, may attempt to suppress a small fire, until relieved by the Fire Department or until it becomes apparent that the fire cannot be controlled by fire extinguishers. |

Note: Employees should never attempt to control a fire, which endangers their health. They must immediately evacuate the area when it becomes apparent that the fire cannot be controlled or when conditions become more hazardous.

II. First Aid:

If an employee / individual is injured, the initial responsibility of management is to provide the needed first aid or arrange for emergency medical response or professional medical care.

Senior Management

1. Treats the injured individual using the supplies from BluSky Restoration Contractors first aid kit.
2. Notify BluSky Restoration Management that there has been an injury and provide all indicative information.
3. In the event an employee is seriously injured and requires professional medical care, drive the employee to a medical provider. If any individual is not mobile or has a life threatening injury or illness, arrange for emergency care and transportation (call 911).

III. Hazardous Material Spill:

Management will respond to incidental releases of hazardous substances when the substance can be absorbed, neutralized, or otherwise controlled at the time of release by employees in the immediate area or by maintenance personnel. If a large spill or fire occurs that is not controllable, Management will contact the appropriate local authorities, such as the Fire Department.

