

ANR Cooperative Extension Risk Assessment

Risk Categories

Safety in Program Delivery

General Description: Not developing, monitoring, and maintaining safe practices and procedures to promote safety in day-to-day activities when delivering and conducting Cooperative Extension programs and research. The risks include injuries to people and damage to property.

Specific Examples:

A. Equipment Use

1. Equipment operation - risk of injury to ANR and other persons (e.g., quad runners, test plot equipment, tractors, harvesting equipment).
2. Research staff working around farm equipment or livestock handling facilities that may not be in safe condition.

B. Driving Safety

1. Injury from auto accidents resulting from extensive driving of personal, county or UC vehicles while on the job.
2. Risk from fatigue of driving long distances at late hours after extension meetings, long days in the field.
3. Risk of hitting a deer on the way home from a night meeting.
4. Employees driving in less than optimal and possibly dangerous situations on UCCE duty.

C. Working in Natural Environment

1. Not having adequate protection against wildlife, i.e., snakes, cougars, etc.
2. Researchers/staff potential injury collecting data in remote locations in uneven terrain and/or amongst large predators.
3. Seaborne, sea grant activities - liability arising from seaborne activities.
4. Working alone in field especially in rural areas without supportive "buddy" system.

D. Large Animal Dangers

1. Injury from animals, objects.
2. Horse back riding and use of personal horses to access field sites.

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- E. Other Dangerous Situations
 - 1. Alcohol at events including UCCE staff/advisor (also see Risk: Food Safety & Alcohol).
 - 2. Wine-tasting and DUIs associated with fund-raising events (also see Risk: Food Safety & Alcohol).
 - 3. Lack of training for new staff and volunteers on their liability coverage.