

**POLICY No. 2019-04****Occupational Health and Safety Policy****Originating Department:** HRD-04-2019**SMT Approval:** February 8, 2019**Council in Committee:** 2019-02-26**Recommendation #:****Council Approval:****Resolution #:****Revision History:**

The Corporation of Haldimand County is committed to protect our employees from accidental injury or occupational disease while at work.

At Haldimand County, we value a supportive and respectful workplace, which includes a healthy and safe work environment. We are dedicated to reduce the risk of injury and will comply with all legislative requirements as they apply to the design, operation and maintenance of facilities and equipment.

Haldimand County, as an employer, has a responsibility for worker health and safety. The Corporation, as directed by Council, commits that every reasonable precaution will be taken for the protection of workers. Effort will be made to promote and provide work environments and attitudes that reduce or eliminate foreseeable hazards that may result in personal injuries or illnesses.

Managers and Supervisors are responsible for providing employees with equipment and materials that protect them from workplace hazards as well as for providing instructions, training and supervision required to perform work safely. Managers and Supervisors will be held accountable for ensuring employees comply with the Ontario Occupational Health & Safety Act and its regulations and also for implementing safety related policies, procedures and practices in the workplace.

Every employee must protect their own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others, by working in compliance with the law and with safe work policies, practices, and procedures. Each employee must accept responsibility for bringing to the attention of supervisors any condition or practice not in compliance with this policy. All parties are expected to consider health and safety in every activity, including the utilization of volunteer and contracted services.

Haldimand County is committed to comply with the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and its Regulations in every activity as well as to the continual improvement of health and safety management within the organization.

Signed, this _____ day of _____, 2019.

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