

Academic Safety at Southern Maine Community College

Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) faculty, staff and students deserve a safe educational environment. By integrating safety into the learning environment, we prepare students to identify and follow safety procedures in their future careers.

A campus with a strong safety culture promotes confidence within the learning environment. It is the policy of SMCC to help students acquire the skills necessary to incorporate good safety practices into their topic(s) of study.

With the department chair overseeing implementation, instructors will identify potential safety hazards and establish appropriate procedures for each hazard, including use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). Instructors will demonstrate and model safe behavior and integrate safety training into lesson plans and syllabi so students understand and observe the safety practices.

When learning occurs in a clinical or career-centered environment, instructors and students will adhere to the safety policies and procedures required by the Host Site.

Note: Examples of safety hazards include (but are not limited to) use of hand or power tools, machinery, objects which could cut or crush, paint/solvent/refrigerant or chemical use, materials which could splash, puncture or splinter, trip hazards, infectious agents, unguarded electricity, working at heights, climbing ladders and tasks or tools which produce heat or flame or any other condition(s) that may cause injury.