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*All things related to research safety culture at CSU*

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## RSCP - A program for your research needs

The Research Safety Culture Program works collaboratively across the University to ensure productive, synergistic relationships within our research community to achieve a positive, proactive safety culture that enhances CSU's world-renowned research.

[1st Year in Review](#)

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# Resources for [Re]starting Your Research

On-boarding, New Research, and Core Safety Training. Don't forget to make sure your training is up-to-date, too!

Need help navigating training, compliance, or anything else related to research and safety? Request a FREE consultation!

Consider creating a Local Research Safety Team.

Always make sure you have enough PPE supplies for 30 days. During these interesting times, expect supply chain disruptions.

## Local Research Safety Teams - A Closer Look

The Research Safety Culture Program has launched Local Research Safety Teams (LRSTs) to empower researchers to expand their safety networks, educate participants about safety resources, and enable students to form their own LRST in their specific research area. The goal is to enable a student-led, sustainable research safety infrastructure that provides our graduates with an enhanced set of research skills. We meet and communicate via MS Teams, hold monthly meetings, and work on various activities. Please consider joining your colleagues today! Learn more [here](#).



# Safety Champion: Denise Ostmeyer Lab Animal Resources

## The importance of Near Miss and Incident Reporting

"There are no repercussions for reporting...we are looking at what we are doing and ways we can make it safer," says Denise Ostmeyer. And she is absolutely correct! How can we improve our safety if we do not share incidents and near misses?

*"Filling out incident reports does not make you look like you are bad at your job. It doesn't make you look negative in any way. But I do understand why it would make someone feel that way."*

You can access the link to report a safety concern or near miss via the [Research Safety Culture Program homepage](#). You can report incidents via the [Risk Management and Insurance website](#).

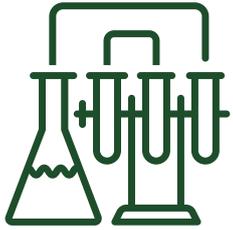
"The more that people report the concerns or near misses that did not result in an injury, the safer we are all going to be," concludes Denise. So, the idea that Rams Take Care of Rams is at the heart of research safety. Think about how our Principles of Community, specifically Integrity and Service, apply to near miss and incident reporting.

Learn more by watching the video below.

Each month we will feature a Safety Champion. Denise was nominated by Anthony Appleton. Do you know someone or a group that should be nominated? Let us know by filling out this short [survey](#).



# SUSTAINABILITY



Green Labs @ CSU



Stacey Baumgarn and Andrew Warnock  
at the Natural Sciences Education and Outreach Center



Tracy Webb  
at the Center for Immune & Regenerative Medicine

## WHAT IS GREEN LABS @ CSU?

CSU's Campus Energy Coordinator, Stacey Baumgarn, and the RSCP have partnered to bring more visibility to the intersection of Sustainability and Research Safety. If you are interested in learning more or would like to participate in any of our initiatives, go [here](#).

## Shut-the-Sash Campaign

Simultaneously improving  
safety and energy efficiency  
one sticker at a time.

The Shut-the-Sash Campaign can be found at universities across the world. At CSU, we take great pride in our commitment to sustainability.

The purpose of this campaign is to reduce energy use by visually reminding chemical fume hood users about the relationship between safety and energy use, as well as to close their sash when the not in use to minimize energy consumption. [Join the campaign today!](#) The greener the process, the safer the process.



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Before



After

# Safety Story: Beirut...CAMS?

The Beirut explosion of ammonium nitrate was completely preventable. The situation just needed someone to take responsibility and properly dispose of or remove the dangerous explosive, also known as fertilizer. How many times have things been left behind or forgotten, get handed down, but never gotten rid of, well its not my problem, I'm not going to pay for that, and then one day an accident. However, our chemical amnesty program run by Chemical Management in EHS is here to prevent such buildup of unwanted and unneeded chemicals. Removing a chemical removes the hazards associated with that chemical. You are important and we are happy to reduce the risk associated with your research. **Chemical amnesty is a free program.** Meet Chris Giglio, Chemical Management Officer, who is here to help you with chemical safety. This is also a great time to work on your inventory as we continue to rollout our new Chemical Acquisition and Management System, CAMS.



**Do you have an idea or would like to contribute to the RAM Safety Source? Please contact [anthony.appleton@colostate.edu](mailto:anthony.appleton@colostate.edu)**

**COVID-19 RECOVERY**

Safety is not expensive, it's priceless.  
-Unknown

