Requirements: Idaho State University (ISU), as a State entity is exempt from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. ISU does fall under the jurisdiction of the Idaho Division of Building Safety’s (DBS) Industrial Safety Standards. The DBS Industrial Safety Standards cover a wide range of Occupational Safety and Health topics, and in many cases are similar to OSHA standards. In addition, the International Fire Code also applies to ISU buildings and activities and falls under the jurisdiction of the State Fire Marshal, and the oversight of the local fire department.

Best Practices: A range of standards and program documents that although are not mandatory represent best practices are also useful in presenting recommendations to reduce risk, and protect ISU Students, Faculty, Staff and Visitors.

Inspections:

Annually, the DBS, State Fire Marshal and/or local fire department inspector, as well as a staff member of the ISU Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) Office inspect each of the ISU Buildings and the activities within them.

As requested or as reported need occurs the EHS staff, and in some cases the DBS inspector, State Fire Marshal and/or local fire department inspector, may inspect ISU Building areas and associated activities.

Follow-up inspections may occur to verify status or closure of identified safety items.

Safety Items are identified and tracked following the inspections by EHS.

In the case of Safety Items that are the responsibility of ISU Facilities Services, maintenance requests may be placed by EHS for corrective action. In other cases, the safety items are reported to the responsible using organization for corrective action.

Safety Item Status Management: EHS uses a database to track initial reports of safety items, interim mitigation and final corrective action.