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Directions:

This document provides project teams with a policy that can be used as a template and adopted in full to comply with requirements of the Fitwel Construction Safety Policy. Project teams can either use the exact content of this document to establish new policies, or update existing policies by adding any missing components from the below. Official policies must include policy duration dates and be on company letterhead.

A qualifying Construction Safety Policy must include all of the following:

SECTION 1: Implementation

Establish and implement a comprehensive construction safety program that is applicable to any construction or renovations, during all phases of development, within the applicable spaces below:

Use only the below implementation section relevant to the specific project:

MULTI-TENANT BASE BUILDING

Applies to all spaces under the control of building management within the building(s), including common elevator banks on tenant floors, and the building(s) site(s).

SINGLE TENANT BUILDING

Applies to all spaces under the control of the tenant within the building(s).

COMMERCIAL INTERIOR

Applies to all spaces under the control of the tenant.

SINGLE TENANT RETAIL

Applies to all spaces under the control of the tenant.

MULTI-TENANT RETAIL

Applies to all spaces under the control of building management within the building(s), including common elevator banks on tenant floors, and the building(s) site(s).

MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL

Applies to all spaces within the building(s) and the building(s) site(s).

SENIOR HOUSING

Applies to all spaces within the building(s) and the building(s) site(s).

COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SITE

Applies to the entire site including all buildings within the site.

COMMUNITY SITE

Applies to the entire site including all buildings within the site.

SECTION 2: Construction + Renovations

The Construction Safety Plan applies to all phases of any current or future construction and renovation, including all of the following:

- Planning: conceptual design, schematic design
- Pre-Construction Project Planning: bidding, schematic design, and plans
- Construction: sitework and foundation; rough framing; exterior construction; mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP); finishes and fixtures
- Post-Construction: construction administration, closeout, and occupancy.

SECTION 3: Safety

- Physical and Environmental Health Safety Practices
 - Require construction project managers to thoroughly establish and implement all of the following safety practices to reduce the risks that construction workers, project occupants, neighbors, and visitors may face:
 - site security and safety, including adequate lighting and signage.
 - dust, debris, and waste management.
 - housekeeping and tripping hazards clean up.
 - air quality control measures, such as:
 - limiting idling machines
 - restricting use of high pollutant chemicals and materials.

- spill control measures
- safe storage practices for hazardous materials, such as:
 - ventilation practices
 - using secure storage for hazardous chemicals and materials.
 - guidelines for heavy equipment operation
 - detailed employee roles and responsibilities
 - tool safety policy
- Construction Safety Risk Assessment
 - Require construction project managers to implement and conduct a construction safety risk assessment to identify major hazards and security risks that:
 - identifies and inventories all on-site:
 - chemical products and materials related to construction
 - security risks
 - safety hazards construction workers and project occupants may face
 - vehicular and pedestrian traffic concerns.
 - establishes a reporting policy for
 - incidents and hazards
 - environmental concerns
 - compliance and safety issues.
 - establishes a construction safety response plan for when unsafe scenarios arise
- Safety Equipment
 - Require all workers on site to be equipped with proper safety equipment dependent on job site needs such as:
 - Eye protection
 - Hard hat
 - Appropriate footwear
 - High visibility clothing

SECTION 4: Community Impact

Implement a community impact assessment* for all construction, major renovations, and public space improvements within the project that includes the following:

- Publicizes general construction, renovation, and/or improvement plans with surrounding community members.
- Informs the surrounding community of the timeline for all construction, major renovations, or public space improvements.
- Conducts a risk assessment and give notice to surrounding community of any of the following potential concerns associated with work:

- Noise pollution
 - light pollution
 - Traffic issues and road closures
 - Parking availability changes
 - Air quality concerns
- Requires construction project managers to implement practices to minimize construction-related noise pollution, such as:
- regulating working hours.
 - utilizing quiet machinery.
- Requires construction project managers to implement practices to minimize construction-related pedestrian and traffic safety, such as:
- minimizing pedestrian obstructions through
 - closed sidewalks
 - scaffolding
 - including safety equipment lighting
 - establishing a traffic control plan to minimize vehicular and machinery traffic
 - scheduling deliveries and machinery use during off-peak hours.

* A community impact assessment is a process for evaluating the effects of a project on a community and its quality of life.