



Consideration and Approval of establishing an Archuleta County Safety Committee

The Mission of the Safety Committee is:

- Promote a safe working environment for the staff and general public
- Create an active interest in safety by each County employee
- Assist in the effort to minimize the frequency of accidents throughout the County
- Identify corrective measures needed to eliminate or control recognized safety hazards

The Safety Committee will achieve this mission through the following:

- Reporting unsafe conditions and suggest corrective actions
- Recognize and make corrections, if applicable, to safety hazards (i.e. if there is ice on the sidewalk, apply sand or ice melt and then inform Facilities Maintenance for follow up)
- Review:
 - Incidents
 - Near misses
 - Claims summaries
 - Loss analysis periodically
- Review all serious injuries – not for fault finding, but for fact finding to prevent reoccurrences
- Contribute to the creation and implementation of a County wide safety training program

The Safety Committee will consist of 5 members from various County departments who will contribute in a positive, constructive manner to the Mission of the Safety Committee.

Establishing a Safety Committee will not only be a substantial attribute to the County, it may also reduce the premiums paid towards our worker's compensation coverage.

Pinnacol Assurance, our worker's compensation carrier, offers a 5% discount for counties who have worked to achieve Cost Containment Certification. One requirement of the certification is an established Safety Committee.