

**STATE OF LOUISIANA  
LOSS PREVENTION POLICY STATEMENT**


As Governor of the State of Louisiana, I am committed to providing a safe and healthful environment for state employees, protecting the public, and preserving the state's assets and property. To accomplish these objectives, all state agencies, boards, and commissions are directed to participate in the Loss Prevention Program administered by the Office of Risk Management. That program shall assist agencies in controlling hazards and risks in an effort to minimize employee and customer injuries and damage or destruction of state property.

The head of each department, agency, board or commission shall be accountable for compliance with the Loss Prevention Program, including the following:

- One employee shall be appointed to serve as safety coordinator to direct each organization's safety program and act as liaison to the Office of Risk Management;
- Every reasonable effort shall be made to comply with all government regulations pertaining to safety and health issues;
- Employee exposure to all known or suspected occupational health and safety risks shall be reduced as quickly as governmental regulations, technology and economic feasibility allow;
- Controlling and eliminating undesirable risks and hazards shall be given priority when budgeting and financial planning take place;

The State of Louisiana is sincerely interested in each employee's safety. As part of the Loss Prevention Program, all employees of the state shall be made aware of safety rules and how they directly affect their positions and job duties. It is the employee's responsibility to follow the rules of safety as established for their protection and the protection of others.

If everyone works toward these objectives, injuries and costs can be reduced, for the benefit of state employees, their families and co-workers, and the State of Louisiana as a whole.

  
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John Bel Edwards, Governor  
State of Louisiana

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