

Committee Goals

The first step in establishing a safety—advisory committee is to set goals which generally include:

1. To organize the various elements of the organization into a productive safety effort.
2. To implement safety and loss control programs via a centralized forum.
3. To create and maintain an active interest in, and awareness of safety.
4. To serve as a means of safety communications.

It is important to remember the difference between "goals" and "activities." The activities of the safety committee should be directed towards achieving its goals. The success of the committee is measured by how well it does in meeting its goals, not by the actions that it takes.

The Safety Committee is an advisory body that reports to management; management is responsible for enforcing the safety program, and therefore should have input on establishing the committee's goals - but, management has to be careful to not over-control the committee, or threaten its independence.