## DHHS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Section V: Human Resources
Title: Safety and Benefits

Chapter: Review of Purchasing Requests for Materials and

**Equipment** 

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to provide a control mechanism that will:

- 1. Assure that specifications for applicable safety design features are considered when purchasing equipment and machinery.
- 2. Regulate the storage and use of highly toxic, carcinogenic, explosive, or reactive chemicals.
- 3. Assure proper design specifications for equipment use for safety, health protection and fire prevention and protection purposes.

## **Policy**

- 1. Prior to purchase, the purchaser shall coordinate with the purchasing agent to ensure equipment, machinery, and materials requested meet applicable safety design and current standards.
- 2. The Safety and Health Director shall, upon request, consult with parties to maintain compliance.

## Implementation

Each division/facility/school shall develop specific operating procedures to implement this policy.

For questions or clarification on any of the information contained in this policy, please contact <u>Human Resources</u>. For general questions about department-wide policies and procedures, contact the <u>DHHS Policy Coordinator</u>.