



Dr. Wayne Hartz to Head WorkWISE NH

Keene State College has announced that beginning January 2017 Dr. Wayne Hartz, CSP (Certified Safety Professional) will lead [WorkWISE NH](#), a program that provides free, on-site occupational safety and health consultation services to small businesses across New Hampshire.

As a Keene State associate professor, Dr. Hartz has always been passionate about educating students in the application of research to practice in the field of occupational health and safety. Now he has the opportunity to share this passion with employers through the WorkWISE NH program. "I'm excited to work with small businesses and the exceptional consultants of WorkWISE NH. Last year alone they provided free expert occupational safety and health services to 281 businesses across the state. It's a testament to the WorkWISE NH consultants that value of their service is widely known among small employers spread simply by word-of-mouth."

Small businesses face many challenges in order to be successful and competitive in today's challenging marketplace, says Dr. Hartz, so keeping current with safety standards is paramount. "As a safety professional, your actions or inactions will impact employees' wellbeing. Old ways of thinking about safety have been revised by research, which is not only effective at preventing workplace injuries but at increasing a business's productivity."

His new role will also present an opportunity to explore how the WorkWISE NH program can be further coupled with Keene State academic programs to enrich student learning. Dr. Hartz says, "Learning by experience framed with research is such a strong teaching model. I really look forward to exploring this opportunity further with WorkWISE NH consultants and academic program faculty."

Dr. Hartz replaces retiring Rick Rumba, who was WorkWISE program manager for more than five years. During his tenure, Mr. Rumba was responsible for more than 1,200 visits to assist small businesses with their efforts to improve workplace safety and health.

While WorkWISE NH services are targeted to small businesses, the program welcomes the chance to assist employers of any size. If you have questions about the safe use of equipment or want to establish a workplace safety program, WorkWISE NH consultants can help as long as your company...

- is located in New Hampshire,
- is privately owned, and
- has 250 or fewer employees at one site and fewer than 500 employees in total.

[Learn more](#) about WorkWISE NH, link to valuable state and national resources, and schedule a free on-site visit through to complete an on-line visit request visit. For more information about a specific area, contact a WorkWISE NH representative.

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