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The best food safety program is useless unless the employees that handle the food are convinced that it is important. Convincing them that something they cannot see is important to food safety is difficult and at best short term. The dictum that “a picture is worth a thousand words” can be effective in communicating the importance of food safety and making the invisible visible. This presentation is designed as an employee training program for a meat environment, but the approach is just as effective for all food areas and it works best when all employees are involved. The objective of the training is to reinforce the critical nature of food safety and sanitation to the well-being of consumers and to the success of the food industry.

Biography

Herbert W Ockerman is a Professor at the Ohio State University. His research interests include meat science, biochemistry, microbiology and food safety. He is also involved in various international outreach programs to expand international cooperation in research and education. His scientific work, which includes more than 2000 papers, articles and book chapters, has been published in numerous journals. He has presented at more than 400 national and international conferences and speaking engagements. His professional affiliations include memberships to 30 different societies, including the American Meat Science Association and Institute of Food Technologists.

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