

Fall Term 12: Safety Memorandum

• Safety Committee Approval for New Lecture Demonstration Experiments

Instructors wishing to introduce new demonstration experiments into their lecture courses are now required to seek approval for the activity from the Safety Committee before conducting the experiment in a class. A short description (<1 page) of the experiment should be submitted to the chair of the committee for an initial review *at least six weeks* ahead of the first planned execution of the demonstration. Subject to evaluation by the Safety Committee, the proposer may be asked to write a detailed standard operating procedure (SOP) for any demonstration experiments that are deemed to belong to a heightened risk category. Lecture preparation staff have been instructed not set up demonstration experiments that have yet to receive approval by the Safety Committee. Any experiments currently listed in the 2006 edition of Bill Taylor's manual "Some General Chemistry Demonstrations Used at OSU Department of Chemistry" are already approved and do not require an additional review.

• Building Security and Crime Prevention

To prevent loss of property by theft, or the misappropriation of chemicals and equipment by unauthorized individuals, please be sure to close windows and lock the doors of rooms that are to be vacated for any period of time (and especially overnight). Specific concerns related to crime prevention issues can be directed to OSU's Public Safety Officer Christopher Strong (Christopher.Strong@oregonstate.edu, 737-3010).

• Departmental Policy on Laboratory Attire and PPE

All those working in Dept. of Chemistry laboratories, including undergraduate and graduate students, post-doctorals, instructors, and PI's, are required to wear clothing covering them from shoulders to ankles. Footwear must be closed at the toe and heel. Short-sleeved shirts & blouses are acceptable, but not shoulder-less garments (e.g., tank tops). Long pants made of a substantial material are recommended and *short trousers* or *short skirts* are not permitted. PPE as posted must also be worn; for most labs within the department this includes safety glasses/goggles (goggles only in teaching labs), gloves, and lab coats. Graduate student TA's working in teaching laboratories are asked to be particularly mindful of this policy and to follow it themselves and to apply it consistently to undergraduate students in their assigned sections.

• Check Accuracy of Laboratory Signage

All laboratories should have a sign outside of their entry way indicating hazard information, required PPE, and the person to be contacted in the event of an emergency. Please take this opportunity to check the signage outside of your lab and inform Matthew Philpott of EH&S (matthew.philpott@oregonstate.edu) of any errors or omissions that require correction.

<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/LabHazSign>

• Chemical Safety Seminar Class for First Year Graduate Students (CH607 - 010)

First year graduate students are reminded to register for the Chemical Safety Seminar class CH607 (Section 010, CRN 33839) for the upcoming winter term. The class will meet once a week from 12-1 pm on Monday lunchtimes in Gilbert 324 and begins on January 7 (2013).

<http://www.chemistry.oregonstate.edu/blakemore/safety/safetyCH607.html>