

# Spring Term 2017 Safety Memorandum

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The Departmental Safety Advisory Group met on May 12th, 2017. Important items discussed at that meeting are shown below. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Michael Burand (DSAG chair) or any other member of the Group for assistance.

## Accident Reporting

The University requires that all accidents involving injury are formally reported within 24 hours of the incident. The forms are available via the Departmental webpage: *Research > Safety Web > Accident Reporting* or may be accessed directly via: <http://chemsafety.chem.oregonstate.edu/content/accident-reporting>

## EH&S Chemistry Laboratory Assessment Results

Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) conducted chemistry laboratory assessments from January 1 through March 31 of this year.<sup>1</sup> The most common deficiency observed was that required trainings were not up to date for all laboratory workers. Please note that the requirements are:

| <b>Module</b>                           | <b>Required Renewal</b> |
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| <i>Laboratory Safety Training</i>       | <i>Every 3 years</i>    |
| <i>Hazardous Waste Training</i>         | <i>Every 1 year</i>     |
| <i>Safety Data Sheet (SDS) Training</i> | <i>Every 3 years</i>    |
| <i>Fire Extinguisher Training</i>       | <i>Every 1 year*</i>    |

\*Video only. Not required but strongly recommended.

PIs and laboratory managers should regularly check the training status of all personnel working in their laboratories. EH&S has recently updated the online access to training records: Select "Safety Training Records" under "Quick Links" on the EH&S homepage (<http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/>) or go directly to <http://oregonstate.edu/ehs/piwebinterface> for the PI Web Interface.

Another common deficiency noted was a no or improper container labeling, especially with respect to chemical waste. PIs/laboratory managers are reminded to use the now-ubiquitous chemical labeling stations provided by EH&S to ensure proper compliance.

## Power Outage Procedures

In the event of a power outage, Gilbert Hall, Gilbert Hall Addition, and LPSC are to be evacuated immediately. (Qualified personnel should, of course, shut down any equipment and/or experiments as needed prior to exiting.) These buildings are not to be reentered until official notice is provided that it is permissible to do so.

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<sup>1</sup> Anyone wishing to view the full assessment results is welcome to do so; please contact Michael Burand.