

Spring Term 2018 Safety Memorandum

The Departmental Safety Advisory Group met on June 4th, 2018. 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.

Update: Required Safety Refresher Training

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) requires safety refresher training for all persons working in a chemistry laboratory at the following intervals:

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

*Video only. Not required but strongly recommended.

The Departmental Safety Advisory Group recommends that PIs and laboratory managers regularly check the training status of all personnel working in their laboratories. EHS has streamlined access to training records: Go to <http://ehs.oregonstate.edu/training> (or choose "Training" on the EHS homepage). At the bottom of the page, "PI Web Interface" will provide a route to log in and check training records, etc.

Reminder: Safety Requirements for Chemistry Teaching Laboratories

In the fall of 2017 the Group adopted a two-tier system for teaching laboratory safety requirements to better clarify situations depending on what activities are taking place in the laboratory.

| Case | Requirements |
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| 1. Any wet chemistry is taking place anywhere within the laboratory (including the washing of glassware, etc.): | All students must wear closed shoes and be dressed such that there is absolutely no exposed skin below the waist. Students shall wear a laboratory coat and goggles. No food or drink is allowed in the laboratory at any time. |
| 2. The laboratory is being used as a classroom (for example, for student presentations) and no wet chemistry is taking place anywhere within the laboratory: | All students must wear closed shoes and be dressed such that there is absolutely no exposed skin below the waist. No food or drink is allowed in the laboratory at any time. |

As always, students should consult the instructor of record if they have any questions about meeting the standards for attire. Instructors are reminded that the above are minimum requirements; it is up to the instructor to determine if additional requirements, such as gloves or heavy denim pants, are to be required.