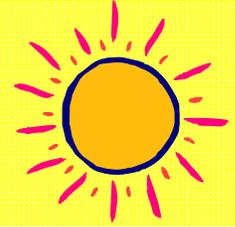


Fun in the Sun



Summer is almost here, and with good weather comes plans, trips, and projects. You work hard, and you deserve to play hard! So as you fire up the grill, pull on those gardening gloves, and air out your camping gear, OHSU wants to remind you to play safe this season.

Summer Safety Concerns:

* Sunburn—Remember to apply sunscreen with at least a SPF-15 or higher to all exposed areas of the body; even on cloudy days! Also, wear clothing that covers your body and shades your face, like a hat.



* Recreational sports injuries—Strains, sprains and fractures increase with better weather as people engage in active, outdoor activities. Be aware of your surroundings and watch for hazards!

* Boating accidents—avoid alcohol and always have children under 13 years old wear life jackets. Carry a portable radio, flashlights, and other emergency supplies in a watertight container.



* Pool safety—Never leave children unattended in or around water. Obey all posted signs and make a note of where first aid and rescue equipment is stored.

* Bicycles—Helmets save lives! The law requires anyone under 16 to wear a helmet while riding, even if it is just in the driveway. Learn the rules of the road and be sure to obey all traffic laws.



New Website!



The OHSU Integrity Office recently launched a new website, and the Environmental Health & Radiation Safety, SafetyTeam, and SafetyNews pages have moved!

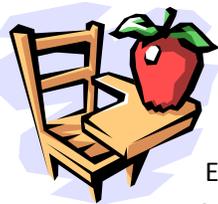
Take a few minutes to explore the new [SafetyTeam](#) page. The Monthly Member Update Form is also available there. After June, the Ozone-based SafetyTeam page will disappear, so make sure you update any bookmarks you might have!

As always if you have any safety concerns or questions, please contact the SafetyTeam Coordinator at 503.494.7319 or safeteam@ohsu.edu

Thanks members... be safe!

Questions?

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Topic of the Month

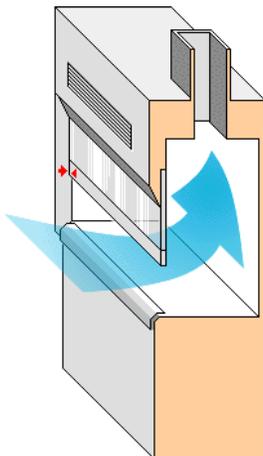
This month's safety focus topic is a discussion of: **Chemical Fume Hoods**

Environmental Health & Radiation Safety (EHRS) certifies chemical fume

hoods at Central Campus and at West Campus. Daily users should make sure that hoods are functioning correctly, are used appropriately, and all safety precautions are followed.

Top 10 Chemical Fume Hood Safety Tips:

1. Equipment and other materials should be placed and all work performed at a minimum of 6 inches behind the sash. This practice will reduce exposure and provide protection to laboratory workers from hazards.
2. The fume hood sash should be pulled down to the working level indicated by an arrow that has been placed on the fume hood by EHRS. The arrow will be placed either 16 or 18 inches from the bottom of the sash opening. This level will protect the user's face and upper chest.
3. Paper and other materials should not be permitted to enter the exhaust duct or baffles of the hood. Foreign objects, like paper, can block the air from flowing freely through the baffles, exhaust duct, or get caught in the fan.
4. When handling electrical equipment in a hood take extra precautions. Protect spark sources from flammable vapors.
5. Hoods are not intended for the long-term storage of chemicals or equipment. All excess chemicals and equipment should be stored appropriately. Most fume hoods are designed with flammable storage cabinets in the base.



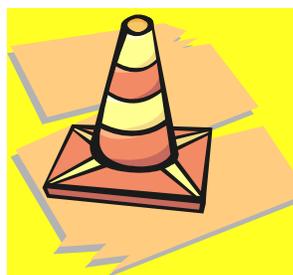
6. Equipment and other materials should not be stored against the baffle area (slot at the back of the hood). This baffle provides means for air movement through the fume hood. If blocked, air will not flow properly through the hood.
7. Large equipment placed in fume hoods should be elevated a minimum of 1 ½ inches above the work surface to allow unrestricted air movement beneath equipment.
8. Reduce pedestrian traffic in front of hoods to minimize release of contaminants into the work area, particularly when using hazardous materials. Also be aware of—and minimize—nearby disturbances, such as doors opening or closing and quick motions in order to prevent cross drafts.
9. Do not rely on the fume hood exhaust to protect you from splashes or projectiles. Wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), including gloves and goggles, as needed.
10. DEQ prohibits evaporation of chemical waste in fume hoods. Please call EHRS to pick up waste as it is accumulated.



Don't Forget

The General and Laboratory Safety Course is available on Big Brain:

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