Environmental Health & Safety Guide to Services

The office of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) is committed to promoting a safe and healthful environment for research, instruction and the campus community. Through education, auditing and monitoring, technical consultation, and the provision of direct services, EH&S assists the campus in meeting its obligations for compliance with the state and Federal health, safety and environmental regulations.

Asbestos/Lead (D&CS)  x7984
Monitors building projects to ensure against releases of asbestos fibers or lead. Provides annual notification to employees of known asbestos in campus buildings. Teaches protective measures to employees who have potential for occupational exposure.

Biological Safety  x8894
Facilitates compliance of biohazardous research to regulations and NIH guidelines. Reviews protocols involving potentially infectious organisms, toxins and certain recombinant DNA strategies to ensure the safety of people and the environment from any adverse effects.

Diving Safety  x4559
Oversees all SCUBA programs and provides the training, dive planning and logistical support required for researchers to conduct their work underwater.

Emergency Management  (805) 450-1437
Implements strategies and procedures to prepare the University for potential emergencies. Educates the campus community on emergency preparedness, response and recovery topics.

Environmental Health  x8533
Oversees the community health and sanitation programs, including food operations, water quality, pest management, and pool sanitation.

Ergonomics  x3283
The science of designing user interaction with equipment and workplaces to fit the user. It relates to the reduction of injuries in all types of jobs. Services include job task evaluation, body mechanics/backcare training, evaluations/recommendation of product/tools, and workplace/workflow design to maximize efficiency and comfort for employees.

Event Management  x7751
Monitors events and assists groups in meeting fire and life safety requirements. Provides emergency awareness training and develops emergency response plans related to fire and emergency evacuation.

Fire Protection  x7751
Assists employees in identifying and eliminating workplace fire hazards. Approves building and renovation plans to ensure compliance with fire and life safety codes. Provides instruction on fire alarm systems and fire protection equipment. Provides training in fire and life safety and offers classes in fire extinguisher use.

General Safety/Injury Prevention  X2661 or X2306
Manages programs on accident investigation, shop safety, fall protection, lock-out/tag-out, driver safety, vehicle and equipment safety, CPR/First Aid, injury prevention efforts as well as general campus safety hazards. Provides consultation, training and certification.

Technical Assistance Phone: (805) 893-3194  General Information: (805) 893-7534  WWW.EHS.UCSB.EDU
Hazardous Chemical Management
Maintains lab door placard program to provide information to emergency responders. Monitors campus use of large quantity chemicals, toxic gases and other hazardous materials for compliance with applicable local and federal regulations.

Hazardous Waste Disposal
Manages disposal of all chemical waste generated on campus. Program includes waste pickups, pollution prevention, regulatory compliance, and maintaining emergency response capabilities.

Industrial Hygiene/Occ Health
Provides information, consultation and training on industrial hygiene/occupational health subjects such as respiratory protection, hearing conservation, heat illness, confined space and hazard communication. Conducts IAQ surveys, exposure assessments and recommends control measures.

Injury & Illness Prevention
Coordinates development of departmental Injury and Illness Prevention Programs with Department Safety Representatives (DSRs).

Lab Safety
Provides training, information and inspections to foster safe and legal lab practices to protect workers against chemical and physical hazards. Reviews all new lab construction and renovation plans. Assists labs in developing their OSHA Chemical Hygiene Plans. Investigates lab accidents and coordinates hazardous materials emergency response activities.

Laser Safety
Provides training, safety information and laser safety audits to assist compliance with applicable policies and regulations.

Radiation Safety
Provides training, laboratory inspections, radiation exposure monitoring for both radioactive material and X-ray producing machine users. Manages the campus radioactive waste disposal program, including waste pickup, storage and disposal.

Risk Management
Protects the campus from the risk of unanticipated loss, manages UC’s insurance programs, manages the campus response to lawsuits and claims, analyzes risks involved in campus activities and use of facilities, resolves contract insurance and indemnification issues.

Stormwater Management
The purpose of stormwater management is to protect and restore the physical, chemical, and biological integrity of our nation’s waterways by controlling and limiting discharges of pollutants to these waterways.

Training
Assists supervisors in meeting legal requirements to train each employee in health and safety practices and occupational hazards by providing classes, videos, publications, and manuals.

Workers’ Compensation
Workers’ Compensation is a state-mandated insurance plan designed to be a “no-fault” system. Provides benefits and assistance to all employees who are injured or develop a job-related illness as a result of their employment.

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(805) 698-0993

Related Phone Numbers
- Pest Control on Campus, for example:
  - Rodents, Raccoons, Insects, Birds (live): Facilities Management (805) 893-2661
  - Dogs (running loose): County Animal Control (805) 681-5285
  - Marine Animals: Live: Marine Mammal Center (805) 867-3255
  - Dead: Fish & Game (805) 568-1226
  - Injured Animals: Wildlife Care Network (805) 966-9005
  - Dead Animals in buildings or on roads: County Animal Control (805) 681-5285
  - Environmental Health Issues at Home (805) 681-4900
  - County Public Health Department (805) 681-4900
  - Food Permits for Student Groups Office of Student Life (805) 893-8912
  - Hot Work Permits
    - Physical Facilities - Indoors (805) 451-8996
    - EH&S - Outdoors (805) 893-3785
  - Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center County of Santa Barbara (805) 882-3602
  - Recycling Program Associated Students (805) 893-7765

Internet: http://ehs.ucsb.edu/