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)**

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**

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**

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 Compliance**

x8533

The Environmental Health Program assists the campus community with its environmental (air, water & soil) health/compliance obligations. Assistance is provided in the form of information, guidance and/or technical support.

**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/back care training, evaluations/recommendation of product/tools, and workplace/workflow design to maximize efficiency and comfort for employees.

**Event Management**

x5848

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**

x5848

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**

x5407

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.

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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.

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).

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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