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 (DCS) (805) 451-1918
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.

Environmental Health x2471
Oversees the community health and sanitation programs, including food operations, water quality, pest management, and pool sanitation.

Biological Safety x8894
Consults on biological lab spaces and University-specific biological waste practices, coordinates the faculty-chaired Institutional Biosafety Committee, and advises on containment practices.

Dive & Boat Safety x4559
Oversees all research that requires SCUBA or boating operations and provides the training, planning and logistical support required for this work.

Environmental Compliance x8533
The Environmental Compliance Program assists the campus community with its environmental (air, water & soil) compliance obligations. Assistance is provided in the form of information, guidance and/or technical support.

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 response plans related to fire and emergency awareness training and develops emergency evacuation.

Fire Prevention x5848
Assists employees in identifying and eliminating workplace fire hazards. Approves buildings and renovation plans to ensure compliance with all fire and life safety codes. Provides instruction and review of fire alarm systems and fire protection equipment. Provides training in fire and life safety and offers classes in fire extinguisher use.

Industrial 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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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, and 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.

Field Research Safety

Train. Equip. Support. Field Research Safety offers specialized training, safety equipment, field plan templates and guidance to faculty, staff and students whose research has a fieldwork component.

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.

Director: Tim Fitzpatrick

(805) 893-2040

Related Phone Numbers

Pest Control on Campus, for example:
- Rodents, Raccoons, Insects, Birds (live):
  - Facilities Management (805) 893-8300
- Dogs (running loose):
  - County Animal Control (805) 681-5285
- Marine Animals:
  - Live: CIMWI Rescue Hotline (805) 567-1505
  - Dead: CIMWI Rescue Hotline (805) 567-1505
- Injured Animals:
  - Wildlife Care Network (805) 681-1080
- Dead Animals in buildings or on roads:
  - County Animal Control (805) 681-5285
- Environmental Health Issues at Home
  - County Public Health Department Food (805) 681-4900
- Permits for Student Groups:
  - Office of Stud. Engagement & Leadership (805) 893-4894
- Hot Work Permits
  - 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/