

Environment, Health & Safety

Safety Briefs

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ICE Your Cell Phone (In Case of Emergency)

Add an entry called **ICE** into your cell phone address book to assist emergency personnel in the event you're injured, rendered unconscious, or otherwise incapacitated.

ICE stands for In Case of Emergency and would be used by emergency personnel to contact the person you want to be notified if such an event occurs. Use the alphanumeric keypad to enter a new entry called ICE into your cell phone address book. Then enter the name and contact information (cell and/or home or office phone number) of the person to be notified.

Important: Carry printed ICE information near or attached to your driver license. Don't rely exclusively on the ICE entry in your cell phone. With so many types and brands of cell phones in use, it takes time for someone unfamiliar with the phone to figure out how to access the address book. In addition, many wireless devices are found to be locked, damaged, or have discharged batteries following an incident, rendering the device unusable.

Best practice: Carry your ICE information with your driver license and in your cell phone.

Meet Gerry Vizcocho Shop and Studio Safety Specialist

Gerry Vizcocho, Safety Program Specialist, has joined the EH&S General Safety Division. Gerry will manage the Housing, Shop, and Studio Safety programs. In addition, Gerry will conduct accident investigations, provide safety training in his program areas, and evaluate compliance through periodic safety audits and surveys.



Contact Gerry at gvizcocho@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-2112.

Hazardous Materials Response at UCSD



Haz Mat team member cleaning up a chemical spill.

UCSD's Hazardous Materials Response Team cleans up chemical, radioactive, and biological spills that are too large or too dangerous for general staff.

In 2005, the team recorded 17 events including spills in laboratories, abandoned waste, equipment failures, automobile accidents, and ruptured gas lines. In addition to the recorded re-

sponses, the team responded to numerous calls concerning potential releases and conducted four major training exercises.

What you need to know:

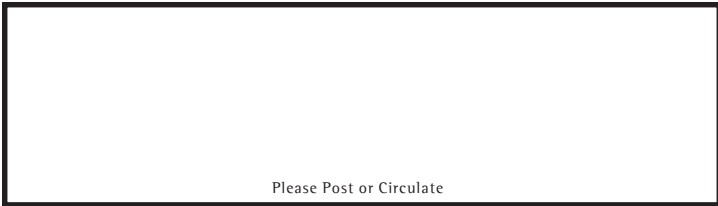
- Accidents happen. Don't be embarrassed or reluctant to seek help immediately. It's the collective responsibility of everyone at UCSD to protect health and the environment.
- Be aware of the hazards in your workplace and the safety equipment and procedures in place to work safely.
- Do not attempt to clean up hazardous material spills that you are not trained to handle, that exceed your capability, or that could endanger yourself or others.
- Report all personnel exposures to hazardous materials to EH&S at (858) 534-3660.

How to report a hazardous spill or condition:

- **During business hours**, call EH&S: (858) 534-3660
- **After business hours**, call UCSD Campus Police: (858) 534-4357 (534-HELP)
- **If there is immediate danger**, call 9-1-1

Find emergency information for UCSD on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/menu/emergency>, and consult your departmental Emergency Action Plan.





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UC Families – An Online Newsletter

<http://parents.berkeley.edu/ucfamilies>

UC Families is a new online newsletter and resource for faculty, staff, and students at University of California campuses who are balancing careers or academic goals with family life.

The UC Families home page provides family resources on UC campuses, UC-wide policy and benefits information, and archives of past advice and discussions.

Subscribers can post questions or engage in discussions on topics such as managing work and family responsibilities, planning the optimal time to start a family, finding advice on progressing academically as a student parent, returning to academia after having a baby, or advocating for flexible work arrangements.

Go to <http://parents.berkeley.edu/ucfamilies> to subscribe, or find more information about the newsletter.

Product Alert: Ladder Recall

Louisville Ladder Inc. announced a recall of industrial ladders, including Multi-Purpose, Step-to-Straight, Combination, Manhole, and Extension Trestle ladders. The rung on the ladders could break near the side rail causing the user to fall. The company has received two reports of rungs breaking. No injuries have been reported.

Description: The recalled ladders are Type 1A industrial ladders with fiberglass rails and round aluminum rungs, and include the 14 model numbers listed at http://www.louisvilleladder.com/safety_recall.htm. Only ladders with manufacture dates and date codes from November 2004 through March 2005 are affected. The model number and the manufacture date code for all models except the FA1012 and FA1016 model ladder are located on the model number/notice label on the side rail of the ladders. The date code for the model FA1012 and FA1016 ladder is located on the metal wraparound adjacent to the hinges.

The recalled ladders were sold at industrial supply stores and home centers nationwide from November 2004 through June 2005 for between \$75 and \$235.

Consumers should stop using recalled ladders immediately and contact Louisville Ladder for instructions on receiving a free inspection and replacement ladder if necessary. Contact Louisville Ladder at (800) 660-4356 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday.

“Safety Training Days” on Enrollment Central

Register for EH&S safety training
on Enrollment Central at:

<http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu>

Browse “EH&S—Safety” under Course Topics for classes and schedules. Learn more about UCSD safety training resources at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/safetytraining>.

Report Serious Injuries and Illnesses Immediately

Supervisors MUST report all work-related deaths, catastrophes, and serious injuries or illnesses **immediately** (within 8 hours) to the UCSD Workers’ Compensation Office at (858)534-4785 or (858)822-2979. Reporting delays could result in Cal/OSHA fines.

A serious injury or illness is one that requires inpatient hospitalization, or in which an employee suffers a loss of any member of the body or suffers any serious degree of permanent disfigurement.

Ergonomics Resource Fund



EH&S has funding assistance available to help purchase ergonomic products from Marketplace for employees who have completed ergonomic training. This includes ergonomically-designed lab products. Learn how to take advantage

of the EH&S Ergonomics Resource Fund on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ergofund>.

Explore the range of Marketplace Ergonomic Solutions at <http://marketplace.ucsd.edu/Ergonomic.asp>.

Campus Casualties Incident Reports

- A shark bit a couple of fingers on an employee’s hand during feeding time at the Birch Aquarium.
- Working from a ladder to replace a ceiling tile, an employee lost his balance, tipped the ladder over, and fell, fracturing his wrist.