



## June is Home Safety Awareness Month

The Home Safety Council is promoting June as "Hands on Home Safety" month and offering many resources to promote home safety. Some of the good ideas include:

- Fire and burn prevention
- Keeping medicines and chemicals out of reach for children
- Ladder and stair safety



**Keep fireworks and sparklers in safe hands.** The Home Safety Council urges families to enjoy July 4th fireworks the safe way:

attend locally-sponsored fireworks shows presented by professionals.

Find more information on the Home Safety Council Web site: <http://www.homesafetycouncil.org/index.aspx>.



## New UC Car Rental Procedures

UC Office of the President recently modified car rental procedures. Make sure you're covered by UC's contract advantages when renting a car for UC business in the continental U.S. and Canada by following the steps below.

**Important:** If these contracts are not used, renters may be personally liable for insurance and damages.

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## Safety Award For Excellence Winners!

### UCSD Libraries Safety & Security Team Outstanding Work Group

#### The Libraries Safety & Security Team (LSST) has received the Safety Award For Excellence.

Founded in the mid-1990s, LSST members are safety and emergency preparedness planners for the campus libraries. Among their many challenges, planning safety and evacuation procedures for multiple buildings that receive over two million visitors a year (with over seven thousand visitors entering UCSD library buildings in a single busy day), and protection of valuable (and many irreplaceable) library collections stand out. Their accomplishments, too many to list, include:



A big group for a big job.

- Conducting a full-scale evacuation of Geisel Library during a campus-wide emergency exercise last fall
- Purchasing a Stryker evacuation chair for evacuation of disabled or injured persons from multilevel facilities
- Using the McGuire Associates Disability Evacuation Plan to ensure Americans with Disabilities Act considerations are fully included in all emergency planning, and key library staff are trained to assist persons with disabilities during an emergency
- Actively pursuing San Diego Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and development of CERT teams at UCSD
- And, finally, they tirelessly fight the sinking library myth. Read "Geisel Library: Urban Legends" at <http://libraries.ucsd.edu/services/legends.htm> to put your mind at rest.

**Nominate someone!** Tell us who's making UCSD a SAFE place to work. Use the online nomination form at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/safe>.

## Heat Illness Prevention

Heat illness is a serious medical condition that results when the body is unable to cool itself by sweating. **If you supervise employees or students who work outside in heat**, you should know how to respond should a heat illness emergency occur. **Search "Heat Illness Prevention" on Blink**, <http://blink.ucsd.edu/Blink>, to learn how to control the risk of heat-induced illness, train workers to protect themselves, recognize symptoms, and respond should a heat illness emergency occur.



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## “Safety Training Days” on Enrollment Central

Register online at Enrollment Central:  
<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>.



## Ergonomics Resource Fund

Get funding from EH&S to help purchase ergonomically-designed office and lab products exclusively from Marketplace just by completing ergonomic training. It's easy. Read “Ergonomics Resource Fund” on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ergofund> to learn how.

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

## Car Rental ... continued

For car rentals in the continental U.S. and Canada, read “How to Rent a Car for UCSD Business Travel (UCSD Employees)” on Blink’s Travel tab for step-by-step instructions.



Outside the continental U.S. and Canada, there are no prearranged UC agreements. Negotiate directly with your favorite vendor, and always order both liability and comprehensive insurance coverages.

### In the event of an accident:

- Contact the local police department and notify the rental car agency.
- Provide all involved parties with owner information from the rental car agreement.
- Send a copy of the vendor’s accident report and car rental agreement to EH&S Risk Management, Mail Code 0925, as soon as possible.

**Questions?** Contact EH&S Risk Management at [ehsrisk@ucsd.edu](mailto:ehsrisk@ucsd.edu) or (858) 534-2454.

## New MSDS System for UC

UC has selected Chemwatch ChemGold II Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) management system to be the University’s main source of material safety data sheets. Try Chemwatch ChemGold II now. Enter <http://ucmsds.chemwatchna.com/> in your browser’s address line. (Make sure pop-up blocker is off for this site.) The Chemwatch homepage appears, then immediately opens the MSDS database search page called ChemGold II.

## Develop Your Ergonomic Awareness:

### Selecting a Pointing Device



- Select a pointing device that fits comfortably in the palm of your hand. Size matters.
- Use a pointer with a scroll button option if you scroll frequently.
- Try using a trackball if you have shoulder discomfort when using a mouse. Note: Trackballs reduce shoulder movements but can result in thumb or finger discomfort if not used properly. Avoid excessive thumb movements—use your fingers to spread the workload.
- If your computer has multiple USB ports, buy two different types of pointing devices and alternate between them. This prevents overuse of any one muscle group.

Find more ergonomic self-help on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ergo>.

## Campus Casualties Incident Reports

- While tightening a screw nut in sheet metal, the wrench slipped and spun the employee’s hand into the edge of the sheet metal, cutting his finger. Three stitches and a tetanus shot were required.
- A utility mechanic’s eyes were flash burned by a welding arc. A small piece of metal debris landed in one eye to aggravate the situation.
- A flash fire on a catering stove scorched an employee’s chin hair and blistered his lip.
- On land and at sea: A ship employee slipped on a wet deck and did unintended semi-splits that injured his groin.
- An employee slipped going down an embankment, slid to the bottom and slammed into the ground, bruising and straining his shoulder.