

Environment, Health & Safety

Safety Briefs

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Safety Award For Excellence goes to Scott Richards

Scott Richards
Visual Arts Department

Scott Richards (left) receives the SAFE plaque from Larry Oberti of EH&S.



Scott Richards proves persistence pays off. Scott developed an in-house safety training program, cultivated a hazardous waste reduction program, and made the Visual Arts shops and studios code-compliant for use and storage of hazardous materials and for hazardous waste disposal of paints and solvents. It's an awesome accomplishment given the quantities used in a large visual arts department. Thanks, Scott, for helping to make UCSD a safe and environmentally responsible workplace.

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>.

Find EH&S in Blink

Environment, Health & Safety's web information has moved into Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/ehs>. All of our information is in Blink but in a different format than you've been used to seeing on the old EH&S home page. Look for familiar topics on the Safety tab and Research tab's left-hand navigation bars.

The handiest way to quickly find info on a specific topic: use Blink's Search box, located in the upper left corner under the Blink logo.

"Green Tip" Fluorescent Lamps Are Hazardous Waste

30,000 fluorescent tubes are disposed of annually from the main UCSD campus. We've been disposing of regular fluorescent tubes as hazardous waste for many years, and now the previously unregulated, "green tip" fluorescent lamps have been added to the hazardous waste disposal list by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), effective February 9, 2004.

Fluorescent tubes and several other types of lamps (not incandescent light bulbs) contain a small amount of mercury. When it accumulates in landfills, mercury may contaminate ground water, eventually posing a risk to the environment and human health.

"Green tip" tubes (so-called because of their colorful end-caps) have a low mercury content and were originally excluded from the list of mercury-containing products to be disposed of as hazardous waste.

Help keep UCSD in compliance. Bring used fluorescent tubes for disposal, including "green tip" lamps, to the Environmental Management Facility, Building F, Greenhouse Lane in the Campus Services Complex. Or, request a hazardous waste collection online at http://www-ehs.ucsd.edu/hazwaste/cgi-forms/collection_request.html.

Is Your Department Adequately Insured?

UCSD offers more than 30 kinds of insurance programs to protect its teaching, research, and public service activities from liability and financial loss due to:

- Fire
- Accidents
- Legal liability
- Floods
- Theft
- Other unexpected events

Find out if the insurance automatically covering your department is adequate, or if additional coverage is needed. Visit the Blink Risk Management Insurance Menu at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/riskinsurance>.



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“Safety Training Days” on Enrollment Central



Register for EH&S Safety training
online via 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>.

Expect the Unexpected: What You Need to Know About Risk Management at UCSD



Are you a business officer, human resources contact,
or supervisor involved in decisions that affect your
department’s exposures and costs? Take advantage of
Risk Management courses in Enrollment Central:

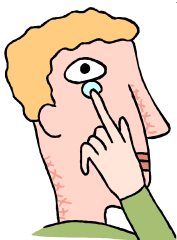
RISK MANAGEMENT- DO YOU KNOW WHAT MIGHT BITE YOU? YOUR ROLE IN MANAGING DEPARTMENTAL EXPOSURES

Torrey Pines Center South
Thursday, May 6 , 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

RISK MANAGEMENT: CARS AND PROPERTY- YOUR PERSONAL RISKS

Clinical Teaching Facility, Building B, Room 101
Wednesday, May 12, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
and

Price Center - San Francisco/Santa Cruz Room
Tuesday, May 18, 11:00 a.m. - Noon



Prevent eye injuries by wearing appropriate eye or face protection. Search for “Eye Protection” in Blink (<http://blink.ucsd.edu>) for information on safety glasses, goggles, and face shields that can save your eyesight in the event of an accident. Shop UCSD Storehouse for a big selection of eye protection choices at <http://storehouse.ucsd.edu>.

Food Sanitation at UCSD

With thousands of people purchasing food at UCSD every day, proper sanitation is very important. UCSD’s food sanitation protocol for restaurants, cafeterias, catering services, and temporary food stands at special events protects the public from food-borne illness.



Restaurants and cafeterias:

- Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) inspects the food service and student markets at UCSD about four times per year. This schedule meets or exceeds local practices followed by the San Diego County Environmental Health Department.
- All food service employees receive training and must pass an exam demonstrating their knowledge of food handling sanitation before they are permitted to work. Food sanitation training is conducted by Housing & Dining Services.

Temporary food stands and special events:

- Student groups and departments may operate a temporary food stand for a maximum of three days per quarter.
- Operators of temporary food stands must have a permit and follow guidelines to ensure food safety.
- Internal office potlucks don’t require a permit. Food stand requirements apply only to temporary food service to the public.

Campus Casualties

- Dizziness from chemical fume inhalation overwhelmed a researcher who poured bleach into a container that, unbeknownst to her, already contained acid.
- While climbing down a ladder, an employee slipped on slippery rungs, fell, and fractured a finger.
- An employee operating an electric wire grinder accidentally cut his leg with the tool.
- The chemical Entellan splashed into the eye of a research employee, causing eye irritation. Another researcher pumping Toluene into small bottles was splashed in the eye.
- Sanitizer squirted out of a hose and splashed into the eye of a Food Services employee, causing eye irritation. Bleach splashed into the eye of another Food Services employee.