



LabNotes

NO. 77

SAFETY NEWS FOR UC SAN DIEGO RESEARCHERS

SUMMER 2007

Safety Award For Excellence Goes to



Srikrishna Khandrika
General Clinical Research Center

Mr. Khandrika consistently maintains an outstanding safety program for the General Clinical Research Center. Specific initiatives included improving the lab environment by disposing of old equipment and coordinating new lighting, reducing the chemical inventory, and organizing safety training records. National Institutes of Health inspectors gave the GCRC an "outstanding rating," thanks to the efforts of Mr. Khandrika.

Nominate someone! EH&S recognizes employees who are making UCSD a **SAFE** place with the **Safety Award For Excellence**. Use the online form at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/safe>.

Vivarium Safety Resources on Blink

UCSD's **Vivarium Safety Program** protects individuals involved in all aspects of animal research from occupational risks.

Find vivarium safety resources on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/vivariumsafety>.

Campus Emergency Notification System

UCSD now has an additional system to provide notification in the event of an emergency. The new notification system allows official emergency announcements to be sent to your phone via text and voice messages. Participation is voluntary and all members of the UCSD campus and Medical Center communities are eligible, including faculty, staff, students, parents, and visitors.



Register your phone online at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/emergencyphonereg>. You will receive periodic test messages. Depending on your cellular service plan, you may be charged for incoming messages. See emergency.ucsd.edu on Blink to learn more about campuswide emergency preparedness, training, and support.

Questions? Contact EH&S Emergency Services: ehsemerg@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-1064 or 534-3823.

Training Requirement for Users of Human Established Cell Lines



Cal-OSHA requires all users of human established cell lines (HECL) to take annual Bloodborne Pathogen (BBP) training.

The training requirement is the same for users of all types of human blood, tissue, cells, and body fluids.

Requirement: Initial BBP training must be taken in person at a BBP course presented by EH&S Biosafety trainers. Thereafter, the annual requirement can be fulfilled by taking the Annual BBP Refresher Training online. Both of these course are offered through Enrollment Central at <http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu>.

New Biohazardous Waste Guidelines



New guidelines for biohazardous waste have been issued for both campus and Hillcrest research facilities. Changes include:

Hillcrest research facilities. Changes include:

- Glass items contaminated with biohazardous materials must be packaged in sharps containers
- Genetically modified animals are now sent for incineration; all mice and zebra fish are assumed to be genetically modified
- Disposal procedures for pathological waste

Print a Biohazardous Waste Disposal Guidelines poster for display in your workplace:

- **Campus locations (PDF):**
http://www-ehs.ucsd.edu/bio/pdf/biowaste_poster.pdf

continued on back...see **Biohazardous**



Please Post or Circulate

Win an Ergo Office Chair or Lab Stool



Complete Web-based ergonomics training, and you could win a free Steelcase chair or lab stool for your workplace*.



How it works: Log in to Enrollment Central (<http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu>) and complete the "Evaluating Your Computer Workstation for Comfort and Productivity" Web-based training program. A winner will be randomly drawn each month from a list of employees who have successfully completed the training during that month. **Winners receive an ergonomically designed Steelcase chair** from Marketplace (<http://marketplace.ucsd.edu/ergonomic.asp>).

* Chairs awarded through this program are the property of the winner's UCSD department.

Questions? Contact an EH&S ergonomics specialist at ehsih@ucsd.edu or (858) 822-0294.

May's Ergo Office Chair Winner is Debra Hatch!

Theatre Department, Mandell Weiss Center

Congratulations, Debra! Learning how to use the adjustable features of an ergonomically designed chair to improve seated posture and comfort at a workstation is just one of the things Debra learned by taking "Evaluating Your Computer Workstation for Comfort and Productivity" through Enrollment Central. Develop *your* ergonomic awareness by learning more on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ergo>.



ChemCycle

With over 5,000 usable surplus chemicals available **free** to UCSD researchers, ChemCycle is good for the pocketbook and good for the environment.

Check ChemCycle's inventory before you buy new chemicals. Call the Environmental Management Facility, (858) 534-2753, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

"Safety Training Days" on Enrollment Central

REGISTER FOR CLASSES 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>.

Laboratory Ergonomics:

A Common Sense Approach to Maximizing Comfort in a Research Laboratory

Sept. 19, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Natural Science Building, Room 1205

Intended for people working in research laboratories and performing prolonged tasks such as pipetting, microscopy, dissection, and other repetitive procedures. Learn how to set up functional workstations, exercise proper body mechanics, and how to prevent cumulative trauma disorders.

NEW! Radiation Producing Machines: Safety Fundamentals

Tuesday, August 16, 11 a.m. - Noon

Natural Science Building, Room 1205

Learn about the radiation exposure potential of radiation producing machines, and the safeguards required for their operation. This course covers safe use of research X-ray machines and meets the UCSD training requirement for both current and new personnel operating research radiation producing machines.

New Biohazardous Waste Guidelines

... continued



- **Hillcrest locations (PDF):** http://www-ehs.ucsd.edu/bio/pdf/07_MC_Biowaste_poster.pdf

The new guidelines do not address medical waste which includes laboratory trash that has not been contaminated by biohazards, chemicals, or radioactivity. Some medical waste (sharps and animal carcasses) requires special handling. For more information, read "How to Package and Dispose of Biohazardous and Medical Waste" on Blink at <http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/biowaste>.

Questions: Contact Seth Mullen, smullen@ucsd.edu or (858) 534-0353.