New! EH&S Training Manager

Environment, Health & Safety is pleased to welcome Rich Belmontez to campus in the newly created position of Training Manager. Rich isn’t new to UCSD. He helped provide safety services at UCSD Healthcare Enterprise for over 11 years. Many of you may know him from the initial Chancellor’s Diversity Council and other campus and community services.

Rich brings over 15 years of environment, health, and safety experience to the job. He has a diverse background in industrial hygiene, asbestos, safety engineering, environmental issues, general safety inspections, infection control, and safety management.

Contact Rich at rbelmontez@ucsd.edu or (858) 822-5974. Or visit his office at Torrey Pines Center South, suite 330.

Cars and Property – Your Personal Risks

EH&S will unveil in May a new course titled “Cars and Property – Your Personal Risks.” The course will be offered via Enrollment Central. Topics will include:

- University, personal, and rental vehicle use while on UC business
- What the University’s insurance does and doesn’t cover
- Situations where you could face out-of-pocket expenses, or even lawsuits
- Personal property loss while on UC-owned land
- Who’s liable for UC-owned equipment, wherever it’s located
- Loss prevention techniques illustrated by real-life stories

Learn from general liability insurance specialists how you can avoid unnecessary costs, embarrassment, and possible legal issues. Check Enrollment Central listings at http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu/ for schedules.

Insurance Tip: Carry a disposable camera in the glove box of your car. If you are involved in an accident, take several pictures of the scene and give them to your insurance company.

Staff Education & Development wins the S A F E Award!

Outstanding Work Group

Autumn 2002

SED Director Lana Brenes (center) and Asst. VC for Human Resources Rogers Davis accept the Safety Award For Excellence presented by EH&S Director Steve Benedict.

What does it take to be a winner?

Human Resources’ Staff Education and Development team has successfully transitioned EH&S training into Enrollment Central, producing a truly wonderful resource for everyone at UCSD. Easy access to vital safety training via Enrollment Central will protect people, the environment, and the University for years to come. Registration for safety programs has increased dramatically since EH&S training was launched on Enrollment Central last summer. Positive feedback from those who have used this wonderful new service has been gratifying. Thank you on behalf of everyone in EH&S and the UCSD community that now benefits from your hard work!

Nominate someone!

Tell us about the people who are making UCSD a SAFE place. Visit the SAFE page on Blink at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/safe. We look forward to hearing from you. Award recipients receive lunch at the Faculty Club and a handsome award plaque.
Campus Casualties

- Battery acid dripped into the eyes of a mechanic working under a bus.
- Nitric acid spilled out of a bottle onto the legs of a researcher.
- AC-200 acid splashed into a lab worker’s eye causing corneal abrasion.
- Very strong cleanser splattered into the eye of a maintenance employee scouring a shower.
- Particles of animal bedding entered a researcher’s eye, subsequently causing a sty to develop.
- Both of an employee’s legs were contused when a filing cabinet fell on her. Two drawers of the filing cabinet were open at the same time, making it unstable.

“Safety Training Days” 2003 Schedule

See what’s new! Check out the 2003 EH&S – Training schedule on Enrollment Central at http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu. Quarterly sessions for SIO and Hillcrest have begun this year to better accommodate employee schedules and minimize commute time to upper campus.

Power Supply Device Recall

In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), American Power Conversion Corporation (APC) is voluntarily recalling about 900,000 backup power supply devices. Used to protect computers in case of a power failure, the power supply device itself can fail, overheat and cause a fire hazard.

How to identify recalled models:

The recalled Back-UPS(r) CS Uninterruptible Power Supply devices include the Back-UPS CS350 and the Back-UPS CS 500 models. Look for the model number on the front of the unit, along with the words, “Back-UPS CS” and “APC.” In addition, one of the following numbers shows up on the bar code label located on the bottom of the unit: BK350, BK500, BK500BLK. The recalled power supply devices also have one of the following serial numbers: AB0048 through AB0251, BB0104 through BB0251, and JB0125 through JB0251. Look for the number on the bottom of the unit. Units with an “R” at the end of the serial number within the above ranges are not part of this recall.

The power supply devices were sold nationally from November 2000 through December 2002 for between $70 and $130. View a picture of the recalled product(s) at http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml03/03068.html.

What to do:

Stop using the power supply devices immediately by turning off power to all connected equipment, turning the Back-UPS CS off, and then unplugging it from the electrical outlet.

Obtain a free replacement unit by contacting APC at (866) APC-RELY (272-7359), 9 a.m.– 5 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday, or log on to the company’s website at www.apc.com/rely.

Coincidence or Not?

If

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equals
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then,

K + N + O + W + L + E + D + G + E
11 + 14 + 15 + 23 + 12 + 5 + 4 + 7 + 5 = 96%

H + A + R + D + W + O + R + K
8 + 1 + 18 + 4 + 23 +15 + 18 + 11 = 98%

Both are important, but the total falls just short of 100%. However,

A + T + T + I + T + U + D + E
1 + 20 + 20 + 9 + 20 + 21 + 4 + 5 = 100%

Safety really is about attitude. Make 100% safe behavior your choice.

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