Department Safety Coordinators: Pencil Me IN

Department Safety Coordinators (DCSs), come meet with your fellow DCSs for one and a half hours of professional development, training, and networking.

Hosted and facilitated by EH&S Safety Training Coordinator, Rich Belmontez, these meetings are the first in a series leading up to a Staff Education and Development Certificate Program (you get Enrollment Central training credit for attendance).

Enjoy refreshments in a collegial atmosphere with fellow DSCs, sharing workplace health and safety challenges and successes. These sessions are intended to:

- Establish a formalized role for the DSC, giving you a clear understanding of DSC responsibilities so you can meet your department’s expectations
- Reveal the philosophy behind health and safety laws governing the way we do our work at UCSD
- What you need to know about:
  - Injury & Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) - Training and having a written program
  - Ergonomics - Changes in UCSD’s program
  - Hazard communication - About hazardous materials
  - Inspections - For what, when, and by whom
  - Employee safety information board - What to post
  - Indoor air quality - Resolving common complaints
  - Emergency preparedness - Understand UCSD’s plan

No registration or RSVP is necessary. Here’s the schedule:

- October 21, 10-11:30 a.m.  
  Price Center, San Francisco Room
- October 22, 9-10:30 a.m.  
  Price Center, San Francisco Room
- October 22, 1-2:30 p.m.  
  Torrey Pines Center South, Conference Room 466
- October 28, 9-10:30 a.m.  
  Summer Auditorium, SIO
- October 30, 9-10:30 a.m.  
  Hillcrest Medical Center, CTF-B, Room B-101

Ergonomic News for Computer Users and Their Supervisors

UCSD’s ergonomic program is evolving to accommodate an increasing number of computer users.

Supervisors are now the initial provider of computer workstation evaluations for their employees. Make sure ergonomic principles and practices are in use to prevent injuries and improve comfort and productivity.

Find out what you need to know

Visit Blink’s Ergonomic Menu at http://blink.ucsd.edu/go/ergo for access to program and policy information, evaluation tools, and training resources. Look for these key pages:

- Ergonomics: The Supervisor’s Role
- Supervisor’s Responsibilities for UCSD Employees Covered by the Clerical Contract
- Ergonomics: The Employee’s Role
- Ergonomic Training Resources
- Ergonomic Risk Factors: Computer and Office Workers
- How to Set Up an Ergonomic Computer Workstation
- Ergonomics: Workplace Evaluations
- Computer Ergonomic Review Tool

Disposal of Consumer Electronic Devices

It’s illegal to throw away computer monitors, televisions, and consumer electronic devices in the regular trash. Federal and state regulations require they be disposed of as hazardous waste because they contain significant amounts of lead and other toxic metals.

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“Safety Training Days” on Enrollment Central

Find EH&S – Safety training on Enrollment Central at http://enrollmentcentral.ucsd.edu. Quarterly sessions for SIO and Hillcrest have been added to better accommodate employee schedules and minimize commute time to upper campus.

Driver Training Required for Passenger Van Rentals

PPS Fleet Services now requires prospective van drivers to complete UCSD’s driver’s training course before 12- and 15-passenger van rental can be authorized. The course consists of both classroom and behind-the-wheel training, and demonstrates the stability and safety issues surrounding these vehicles.

Fleet Services recommends anyone in your department who may need to rent one of these vehicles complete the course as soon as possible.

To enroll, contact Dennis Bell: (858) 534-3485, debell@ucsd.edu.

Campus Casualties

- Small glass and plastic shards were hurled into a researcher’s face when a chemical reaction flask exploded.
- A mill being used to cut a piece of plastic severed a shop employee’s fingertip as he attempted to steady the vibrating plastic being feed through it.
- A laser beam was accidently directed into a researcher’s eye when the equipment was being aligned.
- The power drill being used by an employee slipped out of his hand and punctured his finger all the way through.
- A vehicle hit a trailer that was up on a jack. The trailer was knocked off the jack, injuring the knee of an employee who was working underneath it.
- While closing a container of glass cleaner concentrate, some of it squirted into the employee’s eye, causing chemical inflammation and abrasion.

E-Waste Disposal ... continued

To dispose of monitors, televisions, or electronic devices owned by UCSD, read and follow instructions on Blink’s “How to Send Non-Inventorial Property to Surplus Sales” page (search for “surplus”).

This includes but is not limited to:
- Any electronic device
- Computers and computer peripherals
- Telephones, cell phones, and answering machines
- Tape players and recorders
- Radios, stereo equipment, and phonographs
- Calculators
- Video cassette players and recorders
- Compact disc players and recorders
- Some appliances

Surplus Sales also handles other types of usable electronic goods and computer equipment, including LCD (flat-screen) computer monitors.

Questions about e-waste? Contact Environmental Management Facility: hazwaste@ucsd.edu, (858) 534-2753.

New at Storehouse: R J Safety Supply

R J Safety supplies are now available from UCSD Storehouse for your convenience. Order a catalog (part # 2987) and see what they have to offer.

Product Alert: Recall of Ideal Voltage Testers

Ideal Industries, Inc. is voluntarily recalling Solenoid Voltage Testers and Voltage/Continuity Testers manufactured between November 1999 and May 2002. Ideal has received 11 reports of the solenoid coil shorting out at higher voltages, resulting in the faceplate blowing off the units. Resulting injury reports include second- and third-degree burns to users when their testers shorted out.

Go to http://www.idealindustries.com/ii/tmrecall.nsf for detailed information on the tester recall and date code information for identifying recalled models.

Immediately discontinue use of testers that fall between the applicable date codes. Register to receive a free replacement unit by contacting Ideal Industries, Inc. at (877) 557-8598, or via the Web at http://www.idealindustries.com.