



SAFETY INSIGHTS

News and Awareness Information from Environmental Health & Safety

Welcome



Greetings, and welcome to our first edition of our Safety Insights newsletter. The mission of our department is to provide leadership and programs that promote a sustainable safety culture, and support the advancement of academic, research, healthcare and community activities of the University. Our vision is for a strong safety culture where everyone feels responsible for demonstrating caring behavior with a commitment to safety. Our goal for this newsletter is to raise awareness and provide important news and timely information about safety programs, initiatives, regulations and safety topics that can be used to promote and advance safety on campus, in the workplace, and at home.

Please follow the links in this newsletter to gain additional "insights" about the topics, and visit our website for additional EH&S programs and information.

Gary Kaczmarczyk
Assistant Vice President, EH&S

Safety For the Seasons

Fire Safety at Stony Brook University is a year-round effort. During the month of September, which is recognized as Campus Fire Safety Month nationwide, EH&S Fire Marshals conducted fire safety lectures, fire extinguisher training and live-burn demonstrations in each of the Campus Residence Quads. On October 11th, during National Fire Prevention Week, EH&S held their Annual Fire & Safety Expo on the SAC Plaza, where students, faculty and staff participated in interactive displays for a variety of fire safety, lab safety, hazardous waste, environmental protection, occupational safety, healthcare and radiation safety programs.



More >> [Fire Prevention Information](#)

Safety information and displays at the Fire & Safety Expo

Did you know... President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first Fire Prevention Week in 1925 in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire that killed more than 250 people and destroyed more than 17,400 structures. According to popular legend, the fire broke out after a cow kicked over a lamp, setting first the barn, then the whole city on fire.

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Hot Topic



Machine Shop Safety - EH&S Laboratory Safety has completed a full review and update of the Machine Shop Safety Policy as well as our [Blackboard Training](#) course EOS 029 - Machine Shop Safety, following meetings with faculty and staff representing various machine shops across campus. The changes to the policy provide more guidance on working with hazardous tools and equipment as well as reducing administrative requirements for training and record-keeping.

EH&S would like to thank the members of the campus community who helped

develop this revised policy and updates to the training course:
Noah Machtay, Teaching Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering
Joseph Schurz, Machinist/Instructor, CEAS Machine Shop
Rafael Tejada, Mechanical Laboratory Technician, Mechanical Engineering
Jim Quinn, Director of Laboratories, Materials Science and Chemical Engineering
Mark Wiggins, Building Manager, SoMAS

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Safety Spotlight

Joseph Russell, COM Director of Utilities, Energy Management, Sustainability and Southampton received a Safety Achievement Award from EH&S for promoting and advancing the safety culture in COM. Joe implemented EH&S's "Toolbox Safety Talk" program in COM. The Safety Talks are prepared by EH&S and used by supervisors to raise awareness and convey important safety information to workers. Throughout his tenure, Joe was also instrumental in identifying unsafe conditions, recommending corrective actions, and pursuing ways to implement them, including the installation of fixed roof-access ladders for safe access on all South Campus buildings, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the COM workforce, and the development of safety-related COM policies and procedures, to name a few.

Joe was presented with his award at his retirement party in September. He will be missed.



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Safety in Your Home

Change Your Clock



The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week Oct. 8-14 was "Every Second Counts; Plan 2 Ways Out!" Working smoke alarms, which cut the chances of dying in a house fire in half, are a family's first indication of a fire. But once that alarm sounds a fire can spread quickly, leaving only a minute or two to escape, according to the National Fire Protection Association. That's why it's so important to have an escape plan and practice it using different ways out of the house.

Change Your Battery

Remember when you change the clocks this Sunday (11/5/17), change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. The Fire Marshal's have a limited supply of 9v batteries available for Faculty and Staff. Please contact our office at 2-9678, if you would like a battery.

Meet Our EH&S Staff

Dr. Ying Liu, EH&S Laboratory Safety Specialist - Ying Liu, Ph.D., is a Stony Brook Alumni, and recipient of the President's Award to Distinguished Doctoral Student in 2011. Dr. Liu attained her Master's Degree and Ph.D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Stony Brook's College of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Liu served as a Visiting Assistant Professor, as well as an Industrial Project Scientist at the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC). Most recently she led the initiative to update the Machine Shop Safety Policy and training course, she is coordinating a complete review and update of the Arts Safety program, and reviewing the use of nanomaterials on campus. Her ongoing focus within the Laboratory Safety program will be on physical and mechanical hazards in labs, and will provide key oversight to EHS' Laboratory Registration System. Dr. Liu will also look at ways to improve training for staff and students, including programs for High School students.

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