Attention to all Anteaters ~ Make the EH&S Safety booth your first stop at the upcoming 6th Annual Faculty and Staff Wellness & Safety Fair at the ARC!

Visit the EH&S booth at the Fair on May 23 to learn about choosing the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your job!

Choose the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for your specific job including Lab Research Technicians, Electricians, Carpenters, Welders and more! Choose the correct PPE for the occupation and win a prize and raffle ticket! Mark your calendars now and see you there!

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It’s Fair Time! Walk … don’t Run!

Our quarterly Safe Acts Contest continues on www.facebook.com/UCIEHSOffice!

“Like” us on Facebook. Once you like us, post a safe act you have demonstrated within the last quarter on our wall. Accepted posts will be entered into a random drawing to win one of 25 $5 Starbucks gift cards or the grand prize of a $50 gift card to the UCI Bookstore. Winners will be notified via facebook.
What To Do If You Are Stalled In An Elevator

Though elevators are one of the safest forms of transportation, it is important to know what to do if the elevator becomes stalled and in the event of an elevator emergency.

1. Push the "Door Open" Button

⇒ If you are near the landing, the door will open. You can slowly and carefully step out of the elevator. Be sure to watch your step as the elevator floor may not be level with the landing.

2. Remain Calm

⇒ If the door does not open, you are still safe. Do not try to exit the elevator. Wait for trained emergency personnel to arrive. Even if the air temperature feels warm, there is plenty of air circulating in the elevator and its hoist-way.

3. Press the Alarm or Help Button, and Use Any Available Communication Systems

⇒ There will be a "PHONE" or "HELP" button which when pushed will place a call to a party that is trained to take action (i.e. elevator company, alarm company, etc.). It will give the exact location of the building and elevator you are in. Trained emergency personnel will answer the call for service.
⇒ Some elevators have a two-way speaker system or telephone that will allow for communication between you and the building or rescue personnel.

4. Relax, and DO NOT Try to Extract Yourself from the Elevator

⇒ NEVER try to exit a stalled elevator car. It is extremely dangerous. ALWAYS wait for trained emergency personnel.
⇒ Your best course of action is to relax, get comfortable and wait for professional assistance.
⇒ You may be inconvenienced but you are SAFE.

Laboratory Ergonomics eCourse is now available to full-time, part-time, and student employees with a valid employee ID number. The Laboratory Ergonomics eCourse covers general ergonomic best practices with additional emphasis on guidelines for tasks done and equipment used in laboratories. Log in to UC Learning Center to see instructions on how to access to the eCourse. Classroom training is available for volunteers and 194S or 199 students. For additional information or questions, please email safety@uci.edu.
Is Your Safety Training Up to Date?

It is important for all Supervisors, Principal Investigators and Lab Supervisors to take an active role in workplace safety by ensuring a safe working environment for their employees and by understanding their role and responsibility in creating a safety culture. EH&S has recently developed training to assist in the understanding of supervisory responsibilities as it relates to safety and it can be accessed via UC Learning Center by one of two ways:

1. Complete the Safety Training Self Assessment in UC Learning Center by selecting the “Supervisor”, “Principal Investigator” or “Lab Supervisor” option that applies to your job. Go to your “Required Activities” tab and take the “Creating a Safety Culture” online training assigned to you. Or,

2. Enter “Creating a Safety Culture” into the Search bar on the UC Learning Center homepage (www.uclc.uci.edu) and choose the applicable supervisor training (Supervisors, Principal Investigators or Lab Supervisors).

For more information, please contact EH&S at (949) 824-6200.

S.O.S. - Revamped

EH&S has recently made revisions to the Safety On Site (SOS) program, the employee portion to UC Irvine’s Injury & Illness Prevention Plan (IIPP). Our new features will help make it easier for employees to integrate safety into their workplace.

One of the highlights is replacing the Hazard Assessment & Corrections Tool with a checklist. The Hazard Identification Checklist will be used to identify hazards in your work area, document any corrections and serve as a guide for work unit specific training. Also, our new Rewards Program recognizes employees for their safety efforts in the program.

EH&S required training via the UC Learning Center and work unit specific training are still vital components of the SOS program. Our website will guide you through the steps you can take in making your workplace a safer place to work. Please visit the SOS website at: http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/iipp/index.html

Congratulations To Our Safety On Site Raffle Winner!

EH&S recently awarded Marina Nemetalla from the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology an iPod Nano as the winner of the annual Safety On Site (SOS) individual participation raffle. Marina’s work unit, the Smith lab, completed all levels in the SOS program which involves completing their identified hazard assessments, taking their required safety training and having each member participate in ongoing safety activities throughout the year. More information on the Safety On Site (SOS) program can be found at: http://www.ehs.uci.edu/programs/iipp/index.html
Implemented several years ago, the Shoes for Crews slip-resistant shoe program has shown an immediate impact in reducing the number of employee slip and fall injuries and incidents, resulting in substantial savings to the University. Last year, the program paid for over 150 food services employees to be outfitted with slip-resistant shoes to wear at work. Funded and overseen directly by the Office of Risk Services at UCOP, the system wide goal is to reduce the count and cost of slip and fall injuries by 50%. EH&S collaborates with campus departments to ensure that the ordering and distribution of shoes is simple and streamlined. Moving forward, EH&S has identified the custodial employees as the next work group to participate in the program on campus as they consistently work in wet and slippery conditions and will definitely benefit from this program. Stay tuned for more information on the upcoming shoe fittings schedule. For questions or additional information, please email Jesse Wallace at jwallace@uci.edu.