Safety Thought of the Month

Near Misses

• A near miss is an unplanned event that did not result in injury or damage, but had the potential to do so.
• Recognizing and reporting near miss incidents allows us to better prepare for potential incidents.
  o It is estimated that there are 600 near misses for every major injury.
• Reporting: All near misses must be reported to the principle investigator of the lab. The PI should then inform Roger Dunlap of the incident so they can fill out an accident report.
  o If an employee is injured, the online report must be submitted within 48hrs.
  o Follow up with Roger to investigate the accident.

Safety Improvement of the Month

Sun Haera Shin

“Haera is actively taking responsibility of waste storage and management as well as logging and storing the chemicals in the laboratory. She is always aware of safety issues related to the chemicals in her experiments and takes the appropriate precautions suggested in the MSDS. Her active dedication to safety has undoubtedly improved the laboratory environment.” - Nominator

For her efforts in improving laboratory safety, Haera will receive a $25 gift card to a local business of her choice.

Nominate qualified individuals/labs for next month’s award by sending your recommendation to Roger Dunlap at rdunlap@engr.psu.edu by January 20th.

Did You Know?

Lab Safety refresher training needs completed this month. It can be completed online at ehs.psu.edu under the training link.

Fun with safety

Questions or concerns? (814) 863-4800
Emergency? Call 911

NEWS

• Happy New Year! We wish you a safe, productive and enjoyable 2015!
• The Laboratory Safety Self-Inspections are due by the end of January.
• A researcher in Fenske Laboratory was sent to the hospital last month. A poorly capped bottle of chloroform was accidently knocked over and splashed into the researcher’s eye. Please take precaution and always wear proper PPE.

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