Safety Newsletter

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Safety Thought of the Month

Office Space Heaters Safety Tips
1. Maintain a 3 foot minimum clearance between the heater and any combustible materials. (Trash/recycling bins, furniture, coat racks, curtains, papers, etc.)
2. Portable heaters must be plugged directly into an electrical outlet. (No extension cords.)
3. Portable heaters should be turned off and unplugged when the office is not occupied.
4. Portable heaters should not be placed in high traffic areas, such as walkways.
5. Electrical cords should not be located across doorways, aisle ways, under rugs, or in areas where the cord may be exposed to possible physical or environmental damage.

For more information regarding space heaters, contact EHS at (814) 865-6391

Safety Improvement of the Month

Have you noticed an individual or a lab who has made a significant safety improvement in the past month?

If so, nominate them for the Safety Improvement of the Month Award! Feel free to nominate those who have won safety awards in the past if you see them making significant improvements in our department.

Nominate qualified individuals/labs for next month’s award by sending your recommendation (http://www.che.psu.edu/safety/safety_nomination.htm) to Roger Dunlap at rdunlap@engr.psu.edu by November 20th.

Did You Know?

Watch your step. Penn State’s College of Engineering Safety Committee reviewed injury reporting on campus and found that instances of slips/trips/falls accounted for 34% of all injuries during 2012-2015. This was followed by chemical exposure at 16% and machine injury at 15%.

Fun with safety

Use of hand or bench top power tools:
If you plan to use hand or bench top power tools, or currently do so, make sure your training is up to date. Training information and records are available on ehs.psu.edu under the Machine Shop Safety Program. Individual tool training is listed under Appendix D (Equipment Specific Safety Training).

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