Safety Thought of the Month

Laboratory and Research Safety Plan (LRSP)

- The LRSP provides guidelines for prudent practices and procedures for the safe management of chemicals and other hazards possible in the laboratory/research setting.
- The plan details work practices regarding equipment and personal protective equipment that are capable of protecting individuals from potential health hazards.
- New procedures or modifications to old procedures must be documented in the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) section of the LRSP.
- EHS requires an annual review of the LRSP by the Laboratory Safety Officer.

For more information: https://ehs.psu.edu/laboratory-and-research-safety

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 observe 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 Sept. 20th.

Did You Know?

Do you think ergonomics are important? OSHA recently fined an Allen Harim Foods’ plant for $38,000 due to prolonged, forceful tasks and other personnel violations.

To find out more about Penn State’s ergonomic guidelines: http://www.ehs.psu.edu/workplace-safety/ergonomics

Fun with safety

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

NEWS

On August 12, a chemical explosion killed 150 people and injured over 700 in Tianjin, China. The explosion occurred at a chemical storage facility where it is estimated 3,000 tons of over 40 kinds of hazardous chemicals were improperly stored. Some of the chemicals possibly released in the explosion included sodium cyanide, ammonium nitrate, and potassium nitrate.