Welcome Back

Georgia State is kicking off the fall semester and the Office of Research and Environmental Safety (RES) is excited about the new year! Let’s start the fall semester by creating a fresh new laboratory door sign with updated contact information. To print off a new door sign, email Adam Fischer at afischer4@gsu.edu.

New Training and Annual Refreshers

The Office of Research and Environmental Safety has streamlined a list of required trainings that can be found on D2L Brightspace:

Q: Who is required to take these trainings?
A: All faculty, staff, and students who will be entering Georgia State University laboratories and some administrative staff.

Q: Where do we go to see this list of trainings?
A: You may visit the University Research Services and Administration (URSA) Compliance and Safety Training page on the GSU website http://ursa.research.gsu.edu/ursa/compliance/res/training-schedule/ OR you may contact RES at 404-413-3540.

AS A REMINDER, CHEMATIX ONLINE TRAINING IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR LABORATORY CHEMICAL INVENTORY.

“Georgia State University is committed to foster a safe research environment for all students, staff and faculty by providing safety training and safety resources.

Safety is something we can all live with.”

- Dr. Markus Germann

Eye protection is required for all laboratories where hazardous material is present.

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Fire Safety Drill

Fire drills are coordinated by the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and Georgia State University Police as required by National Fire Protection Association Life Safety Code, 2012 Edition. The frequency of fire drills depends on the type of occupancy. Therefore, some buildings will have fire drills quarterly and others may have one per year. The key point to remember, always respond to the fire alarm system whether there is an audible sound and or strobe lights flashing.

In the event of the presence of fire or smoke, the university expects all occupants to immediately evacuate the building by moving to the nearest exit, closing all doors and activating the fire alarm system as you exit the building. Activation of the fire alarm system is achieved by the pull station that is located adjacent all exit doors that lead to the stairwells or directly out of the building.

Call GSU Police (404) 413-3333

Upon safely exiting the building, call GSU Police (404) 413-3333 or 911 to report a fire. Students and or faculty/staff should always report to the building’s designated meeting site. Remain at that location until an all clear notice is provided by GSU Police!

Never return to the building to retrieve anything!

Do not go back until the building until you are allowed to do so by the police officers on the scene. Even if you can no longer hear the alarms or see the fire alarms lights blinking. You can not return to the building unless it has been deemed safer to do so.

P.A.S.S.

Fire Extinguisher 101

Pull the Pin at the top of the extinguisher. The pin releases a locking mechanism and will allow you to discharge the extinguisher.

Aim at the base of the fire, not the flames. This is important - in order to put out the fire, you must extinguish the fuel.

Sweep from side to side. Using a sweeping motion, move the fire extinguisher back and forth until the fire is completely out. Operate the extinguisher from a safe distance, several feet away, and then move towards the fire once it starts to diminish. Aim at the base of the fire.

GSU Fire Safety Manager, Jennifer McWhorter, assists in training students how to use the fire extinguishers.
Research Faculty, Staff, and students

Research, faculty, staff, and students with access to floors 5-9 in the Petit Science Center are responsible for strictly adhering to GSU’s security policies.

For more information please contact PSC Security at 404-413-3260.

Security Awareness Training

Georgia State University has a strict security awareness platform to coincide with the increased security concerns from the Environmental Protection Agency, and recent Department Of Transportation, United States Department of Agriculture, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Federal Aviation Administration inspections. Security Awareness training is a requirement for gaining access to our research buildings where biological, chemical, and radiological material in research laboratories are stored.

Autoclave Training

Autoclave training is required for all researchers who will be working in laboratories that use the core facilities autoclaves. This training specifies:

- the correct bags to use for autoclaves
- removing autoclaved waste from autoclave in a timely fashion
- proper autoclave trays to use

Adherence to training requirements and following the safety policies will assure proper function of the autoclaves. Please help to keep all of the shared equipment working at maximum capacity.

Questions about Core Facilities or Equipment

If there any questions about the in-person or online core facility trainings and/or more information about the use of autoclaves please contact Debby Walthall dwalthall@gsu.edu.
We are committed to making Georgia State University safe!

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Research and Environmental Safety Homepage: http://ursa.research.gsu.edu/ursa/compliance/
environmental-programs
Contains waste disposal protocols in PDF form, compliance documents, staff contact information, and links to Chematix and Radiologistix.

Biosafety Information: http://ursa.research.gsu.edu/ursa/compliance/biosafety
Access the Biosafety Manual and protocol review procedures. DOT approved Biohazard Burn Box should be properly packaged and dropped off in the hall near the PSC or NSC loading docks only after 1:00 pm on Tuesdays and before 8:00 am on Wednesdays.

SDS Information: SDS sheets can be accessed through either Fisher Scientific at http://www.fishersci.com or Sigma-Aldrich at http://www.sigmaaldrich.com

Chemical Waste Pick Up: https://chematix.gsu.edu
All waste pickups and supply requests should be sent through the Chematix website. Should the Chematix system be down, please e-mail eprograms@gsu.edu with your request.

Note: Chemical Waste pickups occur weekly on Thursday and Friday and require a 72-hour notice.
Radiological Waste Pick Up: Please email radiationprotection@gsu.edu for radioactive waste pickups.

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