Elements of Safety Poster a Big Hit at ACS Conference in Orlando

At the American Chemical Society National Meeting and Expo in Orlando, Princeton EHS unveiled a Periodic Table of the Elements of Safety, Developed in Partnership with the ACS Division of Chemical Health and Safety. The poster highlights terms, people and concepts important to laboratory safety.

EHS Director Robin Izzo and Dan Kuespert, lab safety advocate at Johns Hopkins, are pictured in the Expo Hall. Nearly 700 posters were given away over two days to attendees from around the globe.

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Spring is the season of bright sun, warmer days... and pollen.

Did you know pollen counts can sometimes be higher indoors than outdoors?

Pollen brought indoors tends to stay put in carpets, fabrics and surfaces—and can be kicked up by dusting or vacuuming. For this reason, pollen can linger indoors long after outdoor allergy season has officially passed. But there are strategies for mitigating buildup of indoor pollen.

Crossword Challenge

The April crossword features clues on the theme of seasonal allergies. If you guess them all correctly, let us know using the #EHSCrossword hashtag and we’ll give you a shout-out on social media!

Roof Use Policy Reminder

University policy prohibits the use of roofs on campus for personal or social purposes. This is done because of the obvious hazard of falls, as well as the possibility of roof damage.

Some roofs may be used for research and teaching with prior approval by contacting...
Jamie McQuaid of Environmental Health & Safety at extension 8-5106 or via e-mail at jmcquaid@princeton.edu and Chris Machusak of the Maintenance Department at extension 8-6607.

The full text of this policy may be found at: ehs.princeton.edu/roof-safety

Drone Training Available

EHS has developed a training for those wishing to fly drones and other sUAS on the Princeton campus. Operators must submit a flight request form and abide by the Princeton sUAS Policy.

Hazardous Waste Collection

Mercer County household hazardous waste collection and electronic recycling takes place at the Dempster Fire School (350 Lawrence Station Rd.) on June 29. This event is open to all county residents.

Joan's Pet Peeve: De-Clutter It!

Lab Safety Specialist Joan Hutzly has noticed some laboratories have a problem with clutter. And she’s got a few things to say about it.

In my travels around campus I am noticing an increase in the amount of clutter and downright dirty spaces. I am not referring to spaces that Building Services is responsible for cleaning but those spaces that are not cleaned by our custodial staff. **With spring in the air now is a perfect time to do some “house cleaning.”**

Take a hard look at materials that are being “kept for some future use.” Are you really going to use that? Has it been used in the last few years? If not, maybe it is time to get rid of it.

Now let’s talk about general trash and special wastes that do not make it to a disposal container or arrangements are not made to have them removed. If a bit of time and effort is taken these items could be out of the way for good. The items I have referenced so far are the bigger, more difficult things that you may have to deal with, but what about the
day-to-day dirt, spills, and trash that just builds up? It only takes a minute to clean up after ourselves on a regular basis. **Don’t let it build up!**

Below is a list of some EHS web pages with more information:
- Batteries
- Bio Waste
- Chemical Waste
- Chemical Waste Management
- Hazardous Waste Determination
- Sharps
- Surplus Equipment (Resource Recovery)

### EHS Steps Up For Ladder Safety Month

March was Ladder Safety Month, and EHS "stepped up" with tips and best practices for using folding or extension ladders. Do you know about the 3-point rule and 1:4 ratio? Find out!

[Read More on Our Website »](#)

### Get to Know: Chelsea McDonnell

Chelsea has been with us since last summer, but recently became a full-time member of the EHS team. She mainly provides technical assistance to labs, delivering spill kits, calibrating meters and doing radiation surveys, but has also put her design skills to good use working on the Elements of Safety poster.

"I enjoy being able to get out on campus and meet people and tackle tasks as they develop," she says. "This on-the-job learning is probably my favorite part."

When not at Princeton, Chelsea enjoys beekeeping (she has two hives), gardening and her dog. She holds degrees in anthropology with a minor in biology, and art.

### 'Princeton Tonight' Gets TigerSafe

Campus comedy troupe Princeton Tonight tackled the TigerSafe app in a funny video shown at the AAMG meeting in February and posted on the Princeton Facebook page. The video explains how the app keeps what to do 'Until Help Arrives'

Princeton University Public Safety is hosting a training from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Until Help Arrives. Learn how to protect injured from harm and provide comfort and first aid in the case of an emergency.
Lab Safety Training Has Online, In-Person Components

Safety training for laboratory workers has a web component, *Fundamentals of Laboratory Safety*, which must be completed before the in-person session *Laboratory Safety at Princeton University*. Both are listed under Environmental Health and Safety Training in the Employee Learning Center.

To access training sequence, go to: Employee Learning Center > Training by Department > Environmental Health and Safety > Laboratory Safety

Upcoming Trainings April - June 2019

**Intro to Biosafety**
April 11 10-11 a.m. Schultz Laboratory, Room 218

**Fire Extinguisher Training**
April 12 10-11 a.m. 200 Elm Drive, Room 105

**Laboratory Safety at Princeton University**
April 12 3-4:30 p.m. Lewis Thomas Laboratory 118*

**Radioactive Materials Safety**
April 17 2-4 p.m. Schultz Laboratory, Room 218

**Bloodborne Pathogens For Researchers**
April 17 2-3 p.m. Schultz Laboratory, Room 418
Laboratory Safety at Princeton University
April 23 3-4:30 p.m. Lewis Library 121*

Fire Extinguisher Training
April 26 2-3 p.m. 200 Elm Drive, Room 105

Ergonomics & Healthy Computing
May 2 1:30-2:30 p.m. New South 7th Floor Training Room

Intro to Biosafety
May 8 10-11 a.m. Schultz Laboratory, Room 218

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*Online Prerequisite
To sign up for a training session, go to: https://putrain.learn.com

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