
The Waste-Paper

“A waste is a terrible thing to mind”

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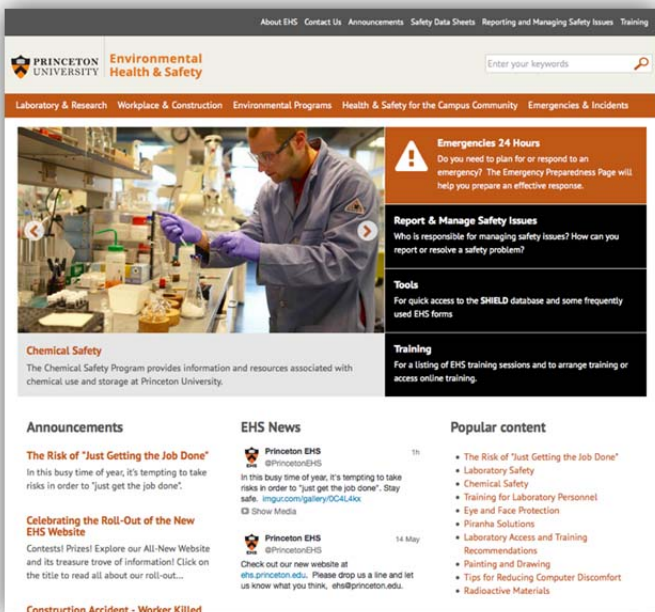
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The New EHS Website

The Office of Environmental Health & Safety is pleased to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website. You can find all of the information from the previous version of our website on these pages (and a great deal more), but the page may not be in the same place and will have a different path. If you have trouble finding information, try the Search function.

Navigating and Using the Website

We've built some helpful features into our website. You'll find information about our most helpful features and how to navigate the site at <https://ehs.princeton.edu/about-ehs/guide-the-ehs-website>.



Spread the Word

Be sure to help us get the word about our website by forwarding this message on to other members of your department, including your students and employees.

Participate in our Meet the Website Contest

We hope you'll explore our website, but to provide extra motivation, EHS is running a Meet the Website Contest through May 29, complete with fabulous prizes. You can

read all about it and try your luck at the [Contest page](#).

Feedback

We encourage you to take some time to investigate our website and to send us comments about your website experience to ehs@princeton.edu.

Expecting Summer Help?

Summer is fast approaching and many lab groups will be taking on summer research help – usually high school or college students and teachers. Before enticing the next generation of Nobel Laureates with all that Princeton has to offer, consider the following:

High School Students

Whether paid or unpaid, NJ child labor laws restrict the type of work that individuals under the age of 18 may perform. Children 15 and under are **prohibited** from conducting any type of work in most research laboratories. For those who are 16 or 17 years of age, the Principal Investigator must submit a proposal through the Office of the Dean for Research. More information can be found at this [link](#). Students must attend Laboratory Safety Training, as described below.

Others

Anyone working in a research laboratory (paid or unpaid) **must** attend Laboratory Safety Training. If your research involves biosafety level 2 materials and/or recombinant DNA that are not exempt from the [NIH Guidelines](#), you must also attend Introduction to Biosafety training. Similar training from other organizations is **not** a substitute for this requirement. Both Laboratory Safety and Intro to Biosafety Training sessions are offered at least once monthly. See the upcoming EHS training schedule by clicking on the “**Training by Department – Environmental Health and Safety**” link on the University’s training website at <http://www.princeton.edu/training>.

Access

With the influx of researchers during the summer month, questions arise regarding access to laboratories for these visitors. EHS has a set of recommended guidelines and a quick reference chart detailing access

and training requirements for visitors. Please see our [access recommendations](#) for more information.

Please contact [Brandon Chance](#) with questions.

Laboratory Summer Attire

As warm weather approaches and non-laboratory affiliates break-out their summer attire, the temptation to wear the shorts, skirts, tee shirts, tank tops, flip flops, and sandals is present.

It is imperative that as a laboratory worker, you continue to wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE); this includes the clothing that you wear into the lab. Long pants and closed-toe shoes are a must-have in any laboratory where there is possible chemical, biological, or radiological splash exposure. These precautions provide an additional layer of exposure protection that can be a world of difference when there is a spill. Long pants and close-toed shoes also protect against a variety of physical hazards present in the lab. An example of such a hazard is laceration from broken glass.

EHS is not asking you to never wear shorts or flip flops, etc., again; however, we are asking that you wear long pants and closed-toed shoes when working in the laboratory. Some researchers prefer bring long pants and closed-toed shoes to the laboratory and change before entering the work area. Others leave a set of long pants and closed-toe shoes in their personal space, just in case they weren't planning on working in the lab and plans change.

The avenues to continue to wear the proper PPE in the laboratory are all open. You can be a responsible laboratory worker and still enjoy your warm weather wardrobe outside the lab. The necessity to protect yourself remains paramount. Please dress responsibly.

Get the Lead Out

Chemical indicator tape used to provide visual indication of autoclave effectiveness; namely that the proper temperature has been reached, have historically relied on color change of lead based compounds as indicators. Such indicator tape may contain levels of lead that exceed the hazardous waste limit for disposal. It is easy to identify suspected lead-containing autoclave tape by the presence of faint stripes running across at an angle (//////). If the tape has the word "lead free" or "autoclaved" in very faint text, it is

likely lead-free. Always check with EHS to be sure you're using lead-free products.

Please **REPLACE** lead-containing autoclave tape you may have on hand with a non-lead alternative. If you have an account with the Molecular Biology Stock Room and have previously purchased lead-containing autoclave tape, contact [Mary Zikos](#) to arrange for a free exchange.

If you are ordering directly from a scientific supply company, choose lead-free tape:

- Fisher brand: 15901110, 15901111, 15901112, 15901113
- VWR: 89098-064, 89098-064, 89176-298, 89176-300, 89176-302

For assistance or information on how to DISPOSE of lead-containing tape as hazardous waste, please contact [Kyle Angjelo](#).

This Month's Waste Disposal Drop Off: Wednesday, May 27, 2015

Lewis Thomas loading dock (Mol-Bio, Genomics, PNI)

- Collection room open from 2:00 - 4:00 PM
- Coordinators: [Michael Fredericks](#) (8-1351)

Jadwin Loading Dock Building (Chemistry & Physics)

- Chemistry collection open from 9:00am-10:00am
- Physics collection by appointment
- Coordinators: [Philip Fairall](#) (8-3913) for Chemistry and [Jim Kukon](#) (8-4364) for Physics

E-Quad Room 7 (E-Quad and Bowen)

- Collection room open from 2:00 - 3:00 PM
- Coordinators: [Joe Laskow](#) (8-4739) or [Joe Palmer](#) (8-4706) & [Phil Curry](#) (8-4563)

Hoyt, 185 Nassau

- Collection by appointment. Contact [Kyle Angjelo](#) (8-2711)

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