### October 2020

### **Safety Beaver Buzz**



#### **NEW@EH&S**

EH&S's Fire and Life Safety group has updated their website to include fire inspection reports and schedules along with fire safety topics, documents & resources.

https://ehs.oregonstate.ed u/firesafety

- Stormwater protection guidelines and resources are being developed for the campus community. For further information about this program, visit <a href="https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/environmental-protection/stormwater">https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/environmental-protection/stormwater</a>
- OSU has a new <u>Hemp-</u> Related Waste Disposa Guide.

### **Coming Soon**

Oregon OSHA has issued a draft COVID-19 Temporary Standard. OSHA intends to adopt this temporary rule in the coming weeks. More to follow when finalized.

## OSU's Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) Program

The OSU Lockout/Tagout (LOTO) Program covers service and maintenance of machines and equipment that could cause injury to employees by an unexpected start-up or the by the release of stored energy.

- You must have documentation of your energycontrol procedure (template online).
- Energy-control procedures must be reviewed annually (inspection form available online).
- Authorized and affected employees must be trained. EH&S offers Lockout/Tagout training assistance.

Examples of applicable processes that require LOTO:

- Fan belt replacement on fume hood
- Hydraulic press repair
- Repair sewage vault with ejector pump

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### **AED Map**

OSU EH&S has created an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) locations map for the main campus.

https://ehs.oregonstate.edu/aed-map For questions about the AED program, email

matthew.ashland@oregonstate.edu
OSU Rec Sports offers First Aid & CPR classes, which include AED training.

### **Near Miss Reporting**

We need your participation in recognizing and reporting near misses.

A near miss is an event, action, or condition that has the potential to cause injury, illness, or damage. Also known as "an accident waiting to happen."

Near-miss incidents precede losses. By recognizing and reporting near misses we can improve worker safety.

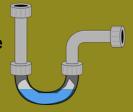
#### **Examples:**

- Chemical spill
- Neglecting to wear PPE
- Working with incorrect posture or technique

You can report a near miss via the HR Advocate, <u>OSU's Public Incident Online Reporting Form</u>. Reporting can also be done anonymously.

# Indoor Air Quality Tip: Keep Drain Traps From Drying Out

Have you experienced an unpleasant, sewer gas-type odor in your lab or workspace?



Drains are equipped with a U-shaped pipe, called a trap, which blocks odors when full of water. Infrequently used drains and sinks will dry out, allowing these odors to escape.

The simple solution to this problem is to run water in all sinks periodically or pour water down floor drains (such as in a bathroom or safety shower) from time to time (once a month is recommended). This will keep the traps wet, preventing odors from escaping.

