



“The near miss reported today is the accident that doesn’t happen tomorrow.” – Anonymous

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## NEW @ EH&S

In October 2018, EH&S welcomed Tom Doyle as our new EH&S Director.

EH&S Lab Safety has implemented a new risk-based approach to lab assessments.

Chemistry Stores now carries 10% Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) for purchase.

## Coming Soon

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, EH&S will host a Department/Unit Safety Coordinator (DUSC) seminar, 10am-12noon at MU Horizon Rm.

EH&S joins Online Safety Association to provide new and engaging safety training that will be delivered via OSU Bridge platform.

## OSU EH&S Has A NEW NEWSLETTER And Would Like To Hear From You!



Is there a Newsletter topic you would like to see us cover? Email: [ehs@oregonstate.edu](mailto:ehs@oregonstate.edu) to submit your idea(s).

Do you have a safety concern on campus you would like to tell us about? Go to Report Safety Concern to tell us about it.



Safety Spotlight: Is there a lab, group, shop, or person on campus that excels in safety? Let us know. They may be featured in our next newsletter!



## Safety Pays. Falls Cost. National Safety Stand-Down

to Prevent Falls is May 6-10. Slips, trips and falls is the 3rd leading cause of injuries at OSU. Monday, May 6 at 10am OSU is holding a safety stand down. Come by Kearney Hall to see fall protection gear and learn about preventing slips, trips and falls. Take a moment during Stand-Down week to focus on safety and health. Use this opportunity to focus on a particular safety issue. Part of safety is taking care of each other so pass this along.

## OSU Chemical ReUse Program Offers Chemicals At NO COST

OSU Chemical ReUse Program offers chemicals to departments At No Cost. OSU Chemical ReUse Program is a service of EH&S in partnership with OSU ChemStores to reduce the costly disposal of useful chemicals. If you have excess or unneeded chemicals (unexpired and unopened) which are still useful, complete the online Hazardous Waste Pickup Request to donate. The chemicals are available free of charge at OSU ChemStores.

For more information, email: [hazardouswaste@oregonstate.edu](mailto:hazardouswaste@oregonstate.edu)

## Lessons Learned. Carbon Dioxide Release

(this happen at another university)

A laboratory employee attempted to use a 60-pound carbon dioxide compressed gas cylinder. They found that they were unable to remove the safety cap by hand. They tried to loosen the cap by inserting a long screwdriver through the slats of the cap for leverage. In doing so, the main valve was opened and it began to release its contents. Unfortunately, the safety cap stayed in place. The lab personnel tried again, unsuccessfully, to loosen the cap, then left the area and notified Health and Safety.

What can be learned?

- Never insert a tool into a cylinder safety cap in an attempt to open it.
- Use a strap wrench if you are not able to remove cap by hand.
- Review gas cylinder safety instructions.

Source: American Industrial Hygiene Association