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## Emergency Preparedness

## **Emergency Contacts**

- □ 2000/52000 posted on lab phone
- □ Names & extensions of first aiders conspicuously posted

#### **Fire extinguisher**

- □ Fire extinguisher easily accessible
- □ Fire extinguisher fully charged
- □ Annual check has been performed within past 12 months

## Alarm pull stations/exit routes

- □ Exit signs working properly and placed appropriately
- □ Exit routes free from obstruction, >1m wide
- □ Evacuation route posted (diagram)

#### First aid kit(s)

- □ First aid kit is in a readily accessible location
- □ Stocked appropriately for foreseeable incidents (e.g., first aid manual, disposable gloves, adhesive bandages, tape/gauze, compress bandages or pads, alcohol swabs, scissors, tweezers).
- □ Individuals in area familiar with location of kit and who to contact for first aid assistance

# Eyewash station(s)

- □ Eyewash station(s) unobstructed
- Eyewashes activated and flushed regularly and recorded monthly
- □ Annual check has been performed within past 12 months

#### **Emergency shower**

- □ Emergency shower unobstructed
- □ Annual check has been performed within past 12 months

#### Spill kit(s)

- □ Spill kit readily accessible
- □ Contains: chemically resistant gloves, goggles, absorbent pads, small broom & dustpan, plastic bags, acid neutralizer, alkali neutralizer, organic vapour suppressant
- □ Individuals in the area familiar with kit location and response protocols (minor spill > use kit / major spill > evacuate & dial 2000)

# General Lab Safety

## PPE

- □ Gloves readily available & worn when handling hazardous materials
- Lab coats kept on hooks inside of lab & worn when working with hazardous materials
- □ Eye protection (safety glasses/goggles) worn when required
- □ Adequate footwear worn in lab

#### Safe work practices

- No food or drink in lab
- □ No door propping observed during inspection
- Personal belongings kept in areas away from chemical or biological contaminants
- Good housekeeping practices (benches and shelves clean)
- □ Equipment and material storage not likely to fall or create overexertion injury
- □ Any unattended experiments clearly labelled
- □ No chipped/broken glassware observed
- □ Floors clean and dry



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# WHMIS

- □ All containers bear appropriate supplier, workplace, or laboratory labels
- Chemical inventory data entered into EHS Chemical Inventory and/or printed inventory is readily available
  Material Safety Data Sheets available in lab and/or readily available lab internet access for online search.
- <u>http://hq.msdsonline.com/uoguelph</u>. If online access preferred, keep hard copies of the more harmful chemicals

# Fume hoods

- □ Sashes closed when not in use
- □ Interior clean and free from obstructions
- □ Flow monitor indicates acceptable performance
- □ Fume hood certification up to date

## **Physical Hazards**

# Noise

□ Isolation and/or PPE are used for noise sources over 85dBA

#### Mechanical

- □ All potentially hazardous machine parts (in running rollers/gears, pinch points) are guarded or controlled
- □ Lock-out/Tag-out is used in circumstances where hazardous machines/equipment must be maintained, repaired or accessed

#### Electrical

- □ All electrical equipment approved by CSA/UL or ESA
- □ No frayed wires
- $\hfill\square$  No extension cords used as permanent installations

# Chemical Hazards

## Storage

- □ Chemical storage locations appropriate
- □ No excessive quantities on hand
- □ Incompatible substances adequately separated
- <235L Flammables inside any cabinet</p>
- □ <50L Flammables outside of cabinet
- □ Flammable storage fridges labeled and designed for flammable storage (no internal ignition sources)

# Cryogenics

- □ All glass dewars taped
- □ WHMIS labels applied to all dewars

## **Compressed Gases**

- $\Box$  Secured vertically when in use
- □ Secured to dolly when transported
- □ Safety cap in place when not in use (i.e. no regulator attached)

# Waste

□ Waste container available for all streams (no chemical waste to sink)

# Biological Safety

# Administrative requirements

□ Sign on door indicating containment level

## **Biological Safety Cabinets**

- BSC used for open handling of potentially hazardous organisms
- □ Annual certification within last 12 months



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#### **Contamination control**

- □ Strict adherence to PPE requirements
- □ Gloves not worn outside of lab, lab coats not worn in common areas
- □ Regular disinfection of surfaces and changing of benchcote
- $\Box$  No obvious contamination of work surfaces

## **Biohazardous Waste**

- □ Waste bins easily accessible
- □ Bin not overfilled
- □ Sharps containers available (if required)
- □ Sharps containers not overfilled

# Radiation Safety

# Administrative requirements

- $\Box$  Exterior sign posted for ILL, interior sign posted for BLL
- □ Copy of permit posted

## **Radiation Protection**

- □ Strict adherence to PPE requirements
- □ Shielding available in lab and used when appropriate
- □ Areas in which radioactive sources are handled in BLL are marked with Radiation Tape
- □ Storage areas (fridges, cabinets) are marked with trefoil/rad tape and locked when not in use

#### **Radioactive Waste**

- □ Waste bins available for each isotope, clearly identified and accessible
- $\Box$  Bin(s) not overfilled and covered when not in use

## CBS Safety Binder

The following records to be available in lab (filed in Safety Binder)

□ Training Records:

Safety Orientation Record - complete and up-to-date for all users Ongoing Safety Training Record - complete and up-to-date for all users

Safety Inspection Records:
 Summary Departmental Safety Inspection Records (Safety inspectors may follow-up on items noted within these records).

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