

Safety Newsletter

Campus Lab Accidents CAN Happen

What do hazardous chemicals, inexperienced students, and inattentiveness have in common?.....these are all potential contributors to a campus lab accident. While LSUS has not had a serious lab accident, lab accidents occur nationwide on a frequent basis. Here are a few examples:

6/29/2010 - lab fire at the University of Missouri injures 4 students

12/29/2008 - lab fire at UCLA kills one student

5/25/2010 - explosion at the University of Delaware injures one student

4/12/2011 - Yale student killed by lab equipment

5/10/2010 - lab fire at SMU injures one student

10/14/2009 - cyanide spill at Baylor University forces evacuation

1/16/2010 - lab explosion at Texas Tech injures one student

7/26/1995 - lab explosion at MIT injures one student

LSUS Policy 6.08.00 addresses Hazard Communication and the Chemical Safety Program



LSUS Policy 6.08

Requires departments to:

- **conduct lab safety training for students/employees**
- **maintain list/location of hazardous materials**
- **maintain MSDS on all hazardous materials**
- **Report spills & incidents immediately**

2011 Safety Committee

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Ist Quarter Stats.....

Total Accidents/Incidents: 6

Total Incidents/Injuries:

Employee: 2/1

Student: 4/3

Visitor: 0/0

From the Safety Guy.....



I'd like to commend everyone for the great improvement we have made in the past couple of years in reporting of campus accidents and incidents. While reporting even a minor incident is understandably inconvenient, it pays off in several ways. First, prompt reporting allows us to obtain credible witness and medical reports which may prove beneficial in future litigation. Secondly, timely reporting facilitates expeditious correction of unsafe conditions and identifies injuries that may become aggravated without prompt treatment. Finally, collection of data from ALL campus incidents allows us to identify and address trends and tendencies resulting in LSUS being a safer place to work and study.

We need no reminders to tell us that we are in the middle of tornado season and that no portion of our campus community is immune from damage or possible serious injury from a tornado. Campus Police will issue a verbal alarm and instructions over the campus wide PA to alert the campus of an approaching tornado. Please review the tornado emergency procedures below.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make LSUS safer this year. This includes all of our departmental reps whose thankless duties include distribution of the Newsletter and consolidation of the responses, everyone who promptly reports unsafe conditions/incidents, and all of you who read and acknowledge the quarterly Newsletter.

Hope everyone has an enjoyable and **SAFE** summer!

Bill

When a Tornado Approaches



Move to the center hall of the building, closing doors as you exit room

Do not use elevators

Stay away from glass windows & doors

Do not leave the safety area until told

Do not get into a vehicle

