



LSU Shreveport

Safety Newsletter

Newsletter 2

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Massive Recall of Surge Protectors

Schneider Electric, who manufactures surge protectors under the AOC label recently recalled millions of surge protectors manufactured between 1993 and 2002. The firm has received 700 reports of the surge protectors overheating and melting and 55 claims of property damage from smoke and fire, including \$916,000 in fire damage to a home and \$750,000 in fire damage to a medical facility. There are 13 reports of injuries, including smoke inhalation and contact burns from touching the overheated surge protectors.

Several years ago, one such device malfunctioned and burned in the Administration Building which indicates that concerns over safety of these recalled devices is valid (see picture at right).

Approximately **268** recalled surge protectors have been identified at LSUS to date. All departments have been working with Purchasing to turn in all bad protectors and be issued (on the spot) replacement devices if needed.



This device burned up at LSUS several years ago

The following link provides detailed descriptions of the affected surge protectors

<http://recall.apc.com/en>

Please report such devices immediately to your supervisor as they are unsafe to use.

Feel free to contact the Safety Guy in HR or Purchasing if you have any questions concerning this recall.

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LSUS Excels on Important Risk Management Audit



LSUS recently completed a full Risk Management from the Office of Risk Management. This audit, which is required every three years by the state, is a comprehensive inspection of our Safety and Risk Management program. **LSUS scored the highest score possible on this audit!** Our success on this audit means that we will receive a discount on our annual insurance premium from ORM of approximately \$55,000.

Doing well on this audit was the direct result of a lot of hard work from all areas of the campus. Thank you to everyone who contributed to doing so well on this audit. SG

WELL DONE LSUS!!



2013 LSUS Safety Committee

Dr. Jesse DeMello
Dr. Kui Chen
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Rebecca Chiles
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Emergency Preparedness Planning Committee Formed

Emergency preparedness is an ongoing concern at LSU Shreveport. Current procedures are in place for threats ranging from terrorism to natural disaster to chemical spills. Recently, the go ahead was given to form a campus committee tasked with reviewing and integrating these procedures. This committee will be chaired by the Safety Guy and will have representation from across the campus. The initial task of this Committee is to work with both on and off campus organizations to develop an integrated Campus Emergency Preparedness Plan. Later, the Committee is charged with regular review of the plan and recommending changes to the plan.



Guest Column: Chief Rebecca Chiles

As you may or may not know, we had an incident on campus on October 31st involving a suspicious object. It was reported to University Police at 3:20 pm, but our investigation revealed it had actually been in plain view since around noon. Many people walked by this object for several hours and did not call the police. An observant student finally called it in. Many times in the past, faculty and staff have been invaluable in assisting with identification of suspicious people on campus. I would just like to remind everyone to be observant of your surroundings at all times. During the holiday season, we usually see thefts and other crimes of opportunity increase. Whether you see suspicious objects, people, or activities, we depend on our campus community to keep us informed. We want to maintain the safest possible environment in which to live, work, and learn, but we need your help to do it. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season!



*Report Suspicious
People or Items to
Campus Police !!*



State Requiring More Mandatory Training

As everyone knows, the state requires state employees to take a variety of recurring mandatory training. Examples of this include Ethics Training, Sexual Harassment Training, and Bloodborne Pathogen Training. Here is a recap of some of this training:

Ethics Training: By law, one hour per year is required of all state employees. LSUS conducts Ethics Training through the link found on the HR website. If you have not completed the on line training in 2013, please do so immediately and forward the Certificate of Completion to Stella in HR (stella.mcmillian@lsus.edu)

Sexual Harassment: Until 2013, Sexual Harassment Training was required within 90 days of hire and every 5 years afterwards. The Legislature recently required this training annually for all employees. The Safety Guy will be providing information on this training in the near future.

Bloodborne Pathogen Training: This training is required within 90 days of hire and every 5 years afterwards. LSUS is due for this training this year - the Safety Guy will provide more information in the near future.

Drug & Alcohol Awareness Training: Training is required within 90 days of hire and every 5 years afterwards.

From the Safety Guy.....

As I write a cold rain is falling and I hear the sighs of disappointment from across campus that our Thanksgiving weekend did not start early due to inclement weather. We do, however live in north Louisiana where icy winter weather is the norm so take extra caution when it arrives. Be careful when walking or driving on ice. On campus, only space heaters that automatically shut off when knocked over are allowed.

Thanks to everyone for their patience during the great surge protector recall. While the likelihood of a fire starting from one of these devices was small, the consequences of such a fire are catastrophic. Once we receive replacement devices from the manufacturer it looks like we will never have to order another surge protector!

Per the article on page 2, the state has added some new training requirements. The biggest change is that Sexual Harassment Training is now an annual requirement. We are working to get this training linked to our website since it is impractical to conduct this training “live” every year as we did 5 years ago. I will be sending you information on this and other training soon. I ask in advance for your cooperation in completing this training as ORM tracks our attendance very closely (HR has upgraded our attendance tracking system to **Stella 3.15** which rapidly identifies those who do not participate).

Finally, Safety Guy wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas and safe holiday season. Remember the usual cautions - eat and drink in moderation, watch out for bad weather, and do not drink and drive.

Safety Guy

LSUS Donates Over 600 Pounds of Food to Food Bank!!

LSUS recently donated over 600 pounds of food to the Food Bank of Northwest Louisiana. This food drive, which is an Open Enrollment tradition, was a campus effort with volunteers from across the campus helping to collect and store donations. The Nursing students and staff (pictured at right), without a doubt collected the most food and helped push our total donation to 636 pounds. Since 1.2 pounds of food will provide a meal, LSUS has provided **530** meals to needy individuals.

In addition to the Nursing students, a big “thank you” to Kristin Fiser who was the drive coordinator and the following building reps who willingly gave their time and effort to make this such a success: Angel Martin, Laura Upshaw, Rene Pallay, Lottie Huckaby, Jackie Langford, Sharon Bloxom Pam Corbit, and Stacey Martino.

Thanks for your generosity LSUS!



Students and staff from the LSUS Nursing Program led the way in donations during the Open Enrollment Food Drive