SAFETY EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Did you know that EHS may be able to provide funding assistance for up to 50% of the final purchase cost on approved safety equipment? Eligibility is based upon previously identified deficiencies, relative risk reduction and cost benefits. EHS will review request forms for completeness and merit and a visual assessment for the safety equipment needs. Applicants will be notified via email of the outcome of the review. More information on the Safety Equipment Program can be found by clicking here.

CHEMICAL FUME HOODS

- Do not use a fume hood if an OUT OF SERVICE NOTICE sign has been posted on the fume hood.
- Contact EHS if the fume hood has not been certified within one year.
- Make sure that you know how a fume hood works before using it. You should be trained to use it properly.
- Be familiar with the chemicals you are working with and reference the Safety Data Sheets when you are not familiar.
- Keep the sash opening at the proper operating level (at, or below 18 inches) when using the hood.
- Avoid storing materials in the hood and always keep the sash closed when the fume hood is not being used.
- Know and understand your laboratory’s procedures in case of an emergency, such as a chemical spill.
- Report any malfunctioning fume hood immediately. Close sash and tag the fume hood so that no one else will use the hood until the proper repairs are made and it is certified as operational.

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- Avoid running electrical cords through paths and walkways.
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