Welcome!

Hello!
As follow-up to the first edition, please meet the IBC staff!
Our IBC newsletter is published quarterly and is a one-stop resource for the University Research Labs.
Feel free to contact our office at any time, if you have a question.

REMINDER:
The new lab safety training procedures are in effect and you will be notified by Donna Douglass when your lab is due.
Keep in mind, however, that new lab employees that are here for the summer need to complete a lab safety training quiz.
This applies to all students, volunteers, and summer help that are working in a research lab.
The link to the EHS OSHA lab safety training quiz is:
http://www.safety.rochester.edu/ihlabhome.html

50 Reasons to PRACTICE SAFE RESEARCH

1. Your child’s first steps
2. Falling in Love
3. Sunrise in St. Thomas
4. Your spouse’s back rubs
5. Mom’s Fried Chicken
6. Holiday Cook-outs
7. Spoiling your grandchildren
8. Your kid’s graduation
9. The Nobel Prize

See the rest of the list at Elizabeth R. Griffin Research Foundation

Saving one life through research.
PLEASE—think SAFETY FIRST!

Biosafety Inspection News
Mary Jo Valenti has been diligently performing lab inspections these past few months. On the back page—Mary Jo’s Corner—will give you a few hints to make your inspection run more smoothly, as well as important SAFETY TIPS to follow as we approach the warm summer months! As always—any questions, you can e-mail Mary Jo at mjvalenti@safety.rochester.edu or call her at 5-3040.

BIOLOGICAL/CHEMICAL SURVEYS
The annual compliance declaration for 2012 Regulated Biological and Chemicals has begun. Watch for an e-mail from your department administrator or Donna Douglass. It is important to complete this declaration in one week and return to Donna. Your timely response helps ensure compliance with the Federal Homeland Security regulations. You can send via mail to Box 278878, attn: Donna or via fax to 274-0001. The link to the survey is here: http://www.safety.rochester.edu/ih/pdf/biochemsurvey.pdf
BIOSAFETY INSPECTION TIPS...

Happy Spring! As the weather outside gets warmer, your lab may need to deal with some concerns specific to this time of year. Below are some tips for dealing with Springtime Safety Issues.

TIP #1

If your lab area becomes uncomfortable due to the temperature in your lab (either too hot or too cold),

DON'T ABANDON YOUR PPE (lab coat, gloves, and face protection)!!!!

INSTEAD CALL FACILITIES @ X 34567 OR GENERATE AN ONLINE WORK ORDER @ HTTP://WWW.FACILITIES.ROCHESTER.EDU TO ADDRESS YOUR TEMPERATURE CONCERNS.

TIP #2

No open-toed shoes in the lab! This includes flip flops and sandals.

If you wear these shoes to work, BRING IN A SUITABLE PAIR OF SHOES (CLOSED TOED / SNEAKERS) TO KEEP AT WORK AND CHANGE INTO THESE SHOES BEFORE STARTING WORK IN THE LAB AREAS INCLUDING THE VIVARIUM.

REMINDER—NO FOOD OR DRINK IN THE LAB

TIP #3

PROTECT THE SKIN YOU'RE IN!

Lab work poses both chemical and physical hazards. Recommended summer lab apparel includes long pants or Capri's (no shorts please) in addition to the usual PPE (lab coats, gloves & face protection).

TIP #4

DON'T BRING YOUR WORK HOME WITH YOU!

Don't use portable electronic devices (such as iPods, cell phones, etc...) while you're working especially if you have gloves on! These items could get contaminated and might actually transmit your biological to others. INSTEAD, CONSIDER BRINGING IN (& LEAVING AT WORK) A CD PLAYER / RADIO FOR MUSIC AND HAVE A FELLOW LAB MEMBER COME AND GET YOU IF YOU ARE WAITING FOR AN IMPORTANT PHONE CALL.

TIP #5

DO SOME SPRING CLEANING!

When you think Spring: think SPRING CLEANING!

Are those dusty, old chemical bottles really needed or are the chemicals still good?

CALL HAZARDOUS WASTE FOR REMOVAL X52056

Are your Tissue Culture Room Floors anything but clean and shiny?

CALL ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TO SCHEDULE A FLOOR CLEANING X 59203

What's growing in your Tissue Culture Hood? When was the last time you cleaned out under the front grill? Do yourself and your experiment a favor. Prevent culture contamination by keeping your biosafety cabinet clean and uncluttered!

I hope that these reminders will help to keep your lab safer this season.

ENJOY THE SUMMER!