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Welcome to the inaugural edition of the University of Massachusetts Lowell Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) Newsletter.

Our goal is to make this newsletter a regular source of information for the UMass Lowell community, keeping you informed about important environmental, health, and safety topics that affect our campus. Each quarterly edition will feature regulatory updates, safety initiatives, upcoming training opportunities, lessons learned from campus activities, and practical guidance to help promote a safe, healthy, and productive learning, research, and work environment.

Environmental Health & Safety is committed to supporting the University's mission of excellence in education, research, and public service. We work closely with faculty, staff, students, Facilities Management, and campus partners to ensure compliance with applicable regulations while fostering a culture where safety is a shared responsibility.

Whether you work in a laboratory, classroom, office, residence hall, or shop, we hope you will find this newsletter to be a valuable resource. We also encourage you to share ideas for future topics and success stories that highlight the outstanding safety efforts taking place across our campus.

Emergency Action Plan



In Case of Emergency

Call: 978-934-4911

or

Extension: 44-911

Your Guide to Campus Emergency Response

By David Muse, Director of Emergency Management & EMS

Would you know what to do during a campus emergency?

The Office of Life Safety & Emergency Management encourages all students, faculty, staff, and visitors to become familiar with the [UMass Lowell Emergency Action Plan \(EAP\)](#). This resource provides clear guidance on responding to a variety of emergency situations, helping you make informed decisions when every second counts.

Whether you're on campus for class, work, or an event, taking a few minutes to review the EAP today can make a significant difference in an emergency. We also recommend bookmarking the page on your smartphone or web browser so it's readily available whenever you need it.

Remember: **If you experience an emergency on campus, call 4-4911** immediately from any campus phone **or 978-934-4911** from a mobile phone.

Review the Emergency Action Plan here:
<https://www.uml.edu/eem/emergency-management/emergency-response.aspx>

Lab Safety and the UML Lab Safety Committee

By Kathi Lamond, Lab Safety Manager

We now have a newly formed UML lab safety committee that meets once a quarter to go over incidents and near misses that have occurred. We also discuss safety topics such as how we are training lab workers to conduct monthly fire extinguisher inspections during a comprehensive lab inspection. The members of the lab safety committee consist of a representative from each department on campus with labs. Here are a couple of links to lab safety resources:

- Please remember to submit near misses at <https://www.uml.edu/eem/ehs/accident-near-miss-reporting-form.aspx> when they occur in your laboratory since these are leading indicators of future incidents. EHS may be able to set up safety controls to prevent the future incident from occurring once a near miss is reported.
- Contact EHS if you plan to handle methylene chloride in your lab. See <https://www.uml.edu/eem/ehs/lab-safety/#methylene-chloride> for more information.

Stop the Bleed Kits

Locations:

<https://umasslowell.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/f65b0ae1a1814074b609e7edf855cce5#>

Contents for smaller automated external defibrillator (AED) co-located kits

Basic Kit Contents:

- 1 x C-A-T® Tourniquet - Orange
- 1 x NAR® Flat Responder Emergency Trauma Dressing (ETD®) - 6 in.
- 2 x NAR® Wound Packing Gauze
- 2 x Pair, Responder Nitrile Gloves, Lg
- 1 x NAR® Trauma Shears, 7.25 in.
- 1 x NAR® Survival Blanket - 56 in. x 96 in.
- 1 x Permanent Marker, Small
- 1 x Just in Time Instruction Card

Life Safety Reminders

Stairwells must be free from storage since used for evacuation in emergencies.

Do not prop stairwell doors open since they are fire rated doors.

There must be 18 inches clearance under sprinkler heads.

There must be 3 feet of clearance in aisleways inside of labs for emergency egress as required by the fire code.

Limit the amount of combustibles in your lab. Recycle cardboard boxes.

Do not block access to emergency shower and eyewash stations, fire extinguishers and electrical panels.
