

### Chemical Engineering Student Safety Team (ChESST)



## February Safety Newsletter

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# First General Meeting with Laboratory Safety Officers

CALLING ALL SAFETY OFFICERS! When and where: to be determined We would like to extend an invitation to all safety officers in the Chemical Engineering Department to be part of the Chemical Engineering Student Safety body.

In this meeting we will go over our goals for the year and what can you do to make a difference in terms of safety in our department.

We also have open officer positions, but more to come in our meeting.

Check your e-mails soon for the invitation!

#### Upcoming Event May 2022: Laboratory visits

Responsible: Laboratory safety officers When: May 2022

As a reminder, we will have another laboratory inspection next May 2022.

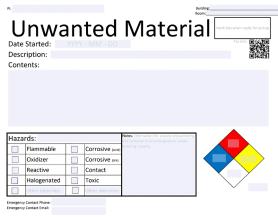
There will be awards this year!

#### Safety Tip of the Month

Unwanted chemical waste should be poured into labeled bottles. Check <u>here</u> to see the authorized labels by EHS.

As a rule of thumb, these bottles should be placed in a secondary container to prevent potential spills.

Fill your unwanted material pick up request through the <u>EHS portal</u>



EHS approved unwanted material label

#### Did you know ...?

EHS performs a mandatory laboratory inspection every year to ensure people are following standard safety protocols and practices.

Chemical inventory is part of the inspection as well. If there is a "red flag" with the inventory they will raise a warning in the inspection report and will ask the laboratory to fix it immediately. These inventory-related warnings can be but are not limited to misplaced chemicals, unlabeled bottles, acid/bases not in secondary containments, among others.

To prevent this, it is recommended to perform the chemical inventory every 6 months to assess the status of chemicals. This includes your gas cylinders!

See <u>here</u> for more information about chemical inventory.

Have a question? Need some clarifications? Contact us at UHChESST@gmail.com