



The Lab Rat NEWSLETTER

Training

Training information found at:
ehso.emory.edu/training

Chemical Waste

Email chemwaste@emory.edu for chemical waste pick-ups or requests.

Include a [chemical waste disposal form](#) with all waste.

Radioactive Waste

Request radioactive waste pick-ups through EHS Assist.

Include a [radioactive waste disposal form](#) with all waste.

PPE

Choose from the following based on the potential exposures involved:

- **Eye**– Glasses, goggles & face shields
- **Gloves**– Appropriate for the type of procedure.
- **Clothing**– Gowns, lab coats, aprons, coveralls.
- **Respirators**– Appropriate for the type of procedure.

Eye Wash Testing

Lab personnel should test and document eye wash stations once per month.

Certifications

The following require annual certification:

- Biosafety Cabinets
- Geiger Meters
- Chemical Fume Hoods

8 Tips for Avoiding On-Campus Thefts

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Persons commonly referred to as “office creepers” (OCs) target campuses as a source of expensive electronic items. OCs are looking for laptops, cell phones, and backpacks left unattended in offices, labs, libraries, coffee shops, and dining areas.

4 Tips for Avoiding OC Thefts:

1. OCs often come to campus to steal laptops and cell phones, especially Apple products. To a lesser extent, thieves are targeting purses, wallets and credit cards. If they are successful, they often continue to return to campus.
2. Suspects are young enough to pass for average college students.
3. The thefts tend to occur in areas that are unattended or where the occupants are focused on their lab work and are not aware that a stranger has wandered into the lab.
4. Thefts are often deterred by staff asking them if they need assistance or directions. If the person does not have a legitimate reason to be in the building, they tend to come up with an excuse that does not quite make sense, which makes them feel conspicuous, and results in the person leaving the premises.



or vendors that have been given temporary permissions to access our buildings.

4 Tips for Avoiding IT Thefts:

1. ITs often come to campus as temporary employees of Emory.
2. The thefts also tend to occur in areas that are unattended or where the occupants are focused on their lab work and are not aware of their surroundings.
3. Thefts are often deterred by escorting contractors or vendors in and out of buildings and labs.
4. Thefts may also be deterred by never allowing others to access a building with your badge.

In addition to OC Thefts, thefts can sometimes be attributed to “internal thieves” (ITs). ITs may be contractors

If a person has no business in an area, report the incident to Emory police at **404-727-6111**.

EHSO Website Usability Test

Help us improve our website!

Help us in one of two ways:

- 1** Provide us with feedback. Take the new EHSO survey at: <http://ow.ly/TXcLo>
- 2** Participate in a 30-min usability test. Contact Beth Savoy for more information at: beth.savoy@emory.edu
ehso.emory.edu

Fire Extinguishers

Visual inspections of your fire extinguishers are conducted **monthly**, confirming the following:

- Is it present and mounted in its proper location? Is it readily accessible?
- Is the pin in place and is the gauge needle in the green?

After confirming these questions, **initial and date the attached tag.**

For **servicing**, contact Campus Services at 404-727-7463.

Building Liasons

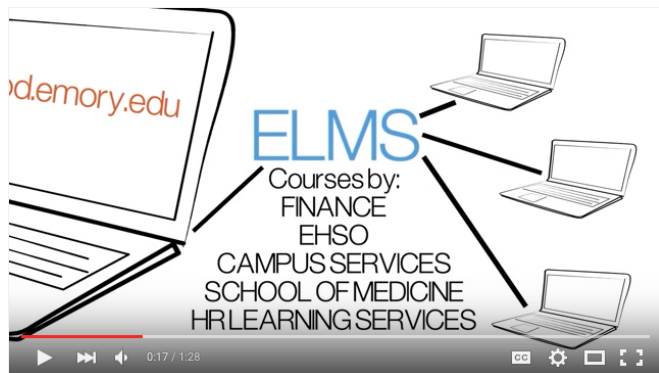
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ehso.emory.edu/about/

New ELMS Video Tutorial

Emory Learning Management System (ELMS) is a central online location where many Emory departments' online courses and training records can be accessed. This includes many training courses from EHSO.

Our [Training page](#) now includes an [ELMS video tutorial](#) to help you get started with taking one of our training courses in ELMS. We also have a [Course Completion Guide](#) that may answer any questions you have about ELMS.



Watch our new ELMS video at: ehso.emory.edu/training

Feedback

Send comments to:

biosafe@emory.edu

We look forward to reading your ideas and comments!

About This Newsletter

- This newsletter is a tool to help fulfill a legal requirement for ongoing safety training.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that individuals in their area have read and understood the information that applies to their area.
- The signed newsletter should be placed into the PI's EHSO Lab Safety Binder.

Signature Here

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the information in this issue of Lab Rat Newsletter.

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SAFE Lab Spill Cleanup
EHSO's **Spill Response Team** is on-call, 24/7, to assist with safe spill cleanup and disposal. Call the new, dedicated 404-727-2888 right away for all mercury spills and spills you believe may cause harm or injury. See the *Emory Just-in-Time Guide* for additional spill information.