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# Welcome back!

Environmental Health & Safety is excited to welcome you back to campus with a plethora of great learning opportunities. Read below for more information, recent updates to safety at TTU, safety tips and links to register for events!

Remember that EHS is always here to answer your safety questions. Having an issue in your lab or work area? Talk to us! Not sure how to take care of a safety concern? Give us a call! We want you to feel supported and *safe* in your educational and occupational activities.

### **Events**

Register early to be included in the headcount for provided lunch or snacks.



Scratching the Surface on Animal Safety

Wednesday, March 4th 12-1PM TLPDC 153

Join a Question & Answer panel session with the University Veterinarian, Animal Care Services staff and Chair of the IACUC.

Register here>>



Stress Management for Lab Rats

### Thursday, March 26th 2-3PM TLPDC 153

Join EHS & the <u>RISE</u> office for a presentation on stress management geared to lab researchers.

Register here>>



### The 4-1-1 For Non-Laboratorians

### Tuesday, April 7th 12-1PM TLPDC 153

If you work in a building with labs or shops, this workshop is for you. Learn how to recognize hazards before you enter a space and when and how to safely help in the event of an accident.

#### Register here>>



Prepare & Prevent - Don't Repair & Regret: Field Safety 101

### Thursday, April 16th 12-1PM TLPDC 153

Before you hit the road this summer for research come learn how to prepare for the field and do an effective field risk assessment.

Register here>>

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# **Public Health News**



EHS stays aware of any public health concerns that may impact the university community. The latest information on the Coronavirus, reliable resources and prevention measures are outlined in the latest Public Health News post.

Read the full article>>

### What's New?

### New Inventory & Inspection Program

- Academic & teaching lab chemical and radioactive material inventory;
- Occupational, food establishment, radiation, laser, and lab safety survey inspection reports and corrective action reporting;
- Complete self-inspection for qualified work areas;
- Training status reports for assigned personnel; and
- Work area document management portal.



#### Access RRAMP>>

RRAMP User Guide>>



### **Waste Determinations**

All generators of chemical waste are required to perform a Waste Determination for each process that generates waste, meaning one work area can have several determinations.

A Waste Determination identifies the components and hazard characteristics (i.e., corrosive, toxic, flammable or reactive) of a waste stream and determines the appropriate number of collection containers. Submit completed forms to <u>ehs.environmental.safety@ttu.edu</u>.

Waste Determination Form>> Waste Determination Instructions>>

### Lab Clean Out Procedure

Lab clean outs are the disposal of a large amount of chemicals from a work area. Labs must submit an Evaluation Request, meet with Environmental Protection team, properly label all chemicals and then submit a waste request. The process can take months to complete.

Read more>>



## **Training Updates**



Safety Awareness training is required for all University employees. The training is now housed through Cornerstone and only accessible to employees. Search for "Safety Awareness" in the Library.

Complete your training>>

Students, you can watch the <u>video on</u> <u>YouTube>></u>

#### New Online Training Courses

- Liquid Nitrogen Safety
- Recombinant DNA
- Bloodborne Pathogen in Spanish

#### **Updated Courses**

- Radiation Safety
- Laser Safety
- Respiratory Protection



## **Indoor Air Quality Concerns**



EHS can provide mold consultation and indoor air quality monitoring for any campus building. If you notice unusual odors or have any of the following symptoms: headaches, dizziness, fatigue, or irritation of the eyes, nose and throat while in your work area, submit an IAQ complaint to EHS at <u>safety@ttu.edu</u> or through the <u>SCAN</u>

<u>system</u>.

## Wash 'em, Tech!



Proper hand washing is the easiest and most effective way to prevent the spread of illness.

Request hand washing posters for your kitchens, bathrooms and other areas. Color posters in a water-proof, adhesive-backed document holder. <u>Request>></u>

Or print your own! Letter>> or Legal size>>

# **Opportunities**



Do you work in a research or teaching space? Do you want to learn more about safety and help build a positive safety culture at TTU? Then join GLASS! Undergrad students, staff and faculty are welcome to join. GLASS is an official student organization.



Need a safety briefing?

EHS can come talk to your department, class, research group, or TA group to discuss a common safety issue, give demonstrations or other topic of interest. We tailor to you!

Request your talk here>>

View webpage for more info>>

# **About EHS**

The Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) works to instill the value of safe and environmentally-conscious behavior throughout the campus community. Our responsibilities include:

- Academic Safety Chemical, Biological, Field, Radiation, Laser, and Magnetic Field Safety;
- Environmental Protection Hazardous and universal waste disposal, stormwater monitoring, and air permit oversight;
- Occupational Safety AEDs, Ergonomics, Indoor Air Quality, Forklift Safety, Hazard Communication, Shop & Studio Safety, Respiratory Protection and the Occupational Health Program;
- Public Health Certification of the university's food vendors, pool sanitation and drinking water;

• **Training & Outreach** - Presentations for a variety of occupational and academic safety topics, website and social media management, and other campus outreach.

#### Services

- <u>Submit a Waste Request</u>
- <u>Request Online Safety Training</u>
- Submit a Shipping Form
- <u>Request a Temporary Food Permit</u>
- Occupational Health Program

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