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Emergency Numbers:

Dial 911 or 632-3333 (cell phone)

Non-Fire Emergencies 911
(Major Chemical Spill/HazMat)

All Codes 321

Fire (Code Red) 321

EPA MOU

In August, SBUH signed a comprehensive green “Memorandum of Understanding” (MOU) with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) marking a first for any hospital in the United States. The MOU document defined the ways in which SBUH and the EPA will work together to mutually advance their collective goals in



reducing the hospital’s environmental footprint.

Stony Brook University Hospital is dedicated to delivering excellence in patient care, research, education, and community service. We are committed to continuously improving our programs to reduce waste, minimize the use of hazardous materials, prevent pollution of our valuable natural resources, increase recycling, comply with all environmental regulations, and work toward sustainability.

Jill Kavoukian

Germicidal Disposable Wipes - Not for Skin Use!

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger



Super Sani-Cloth Germicidal Disposable Wipes contain bactericide, tuberculocide and virucide ingredients, and

are designed for disinfecting hard surfaces. This product is not meant to be used on skin. There have been past incidents where patients and visitors have inadvertently used as a skin wipe and subsequent irritation

may have occurred. In patient care areas, please instruct patients and visitors not to use on their skin.

The wipes container should be housed in the manufacturer's brackets with the wording "Not for Use on Skin" on the front. If your area does not have the proper bracket (see photo) please contact the Physical Plant, by emailing James Prudenti, to request the brackets. Please provide the locations and number of brackets needed in your email.



“You Got Caught Being Safe” 2009 Recipients

Congratulations to the following employees who received our “You Got Caught Being Safe” recognition:

June winners:

John Prisco, Physical Plant
Michael Aghabekian, Facilities
James Connolly, BME

July winners:

James Faulkner, Client Support
Fred Solomon, BME

August winners:

Michael Sessa, HCS
Joe Kelly, Grounds
Usman Dinin, Receiving & Courier Services
Cheryl Poulestos, Neonatal ICU
Ziola Lachapelle, Radiation Safety

September winners:

Marie Fiore, Facilities
Sharon Mercer, HCS

Quickly completing life safety code deficiency repairs, replenishing power outage kits promptly, setting up battery

collection sites, encouraging recycling and maintaining records, supporting Litter Clean Up Day, identifying an electrical safety hazard, submitting an idea that changed emergency management protocol, suggesting reusing bus shelters as bike shelters, and proactively assisting EH&S with the Injury Reduction Program are some of the ways that these energetic staff “Got Caught”.



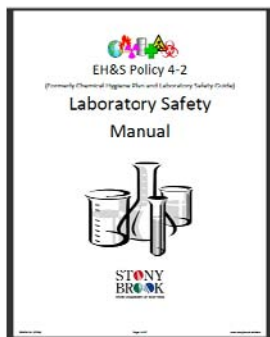
Do you know where your Department Emergency Operations Plan is located?

A copy should be in Chapter 24 of the Hospital's Emergency Management Manual located in your department. If your department has not completed a department plan, please contact Leo DeBobes at 4-6151 for assistance.

Revised Laboratory Safety Manual

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

EH&S, working with the Hospital Laboratories, has completed an updated Laboratory Safety Manual, EH&S Policy 4-2. This Manual includes the Chemical Hygiene Plan and the Laboratory Safety Guide. The revised manual contains sections on laboratory practices and security, PPE, ventilation, emergencies and accidents, exposure monitoring and medical treatment, training and



information, recordkeeping, chemical safety, biological safety,

radiation safety, laser safety and electrical safety. Many thanks to Carol Malley and Michele Gilleeny-Blabac for their dedication to complete this difficult and lengthy project. The revised policy can be assessed through the hospital's intranet site or by going to EH&S' website (www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/healthcare).

New and Revised Safety Policies—FYI

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

New EH&S Policy - Manual Material Handling

Environmental Health & Safety, in conjunction with affected hospital departments and the Safety Management & Security subcommittee, has written a new policy (Policy 1-9), titled Manual Materials Handling. The Hospital developed this program to protect employees from the hazards of improper lifting techniques and overexertion during manual material handling. This program has the following

objectives:

1. Ensuring employees are not required to frequently and consistently manually lift materials greater than 50 pounds as part of their job functions;
2. Ensuring that employees do not lift greater than 50 pounds without human or mechanical assistance;
3. Assisting in identifying, assessing, and controlling risks



4. Reducing the incidence of manual handling injuries; and
5. Establishing an effective system for manual handling.

The entire policy can be accessed through the Hospital's intranet, Inside SBUMC, under Policies and Procedures, and then clicking on Environmental Health & Safety or by going directly to EH&S' webpage at www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/healthcare.

Quick Tip

Cosmetics can Contain DEHP

A list of products that are DEHP-Free, can be found at: www.noharm.org/lib/downloads/pvc/Not_Too_Pretty.pdf (page 14)

Help Reduce DEHP in our Hospital

Contributed by Fred Luebke/Carol Malley

In our Summer Edition of Safe Watch, we introduced the Hospital's DEHP/PVC-Free Pledge. Now we need your help to make this pledge a reality throughout the Hospital.

WHY do we want to be DEHP-Free?

DEHP is a type of phthalate found in plastics such as PVC. Health Care Without Harm reports that according to animal

studies, DEHP can damage the liver, kidneys, lungs and reproductive system.

What type of products can contain DEHP?

Gloves, tubing, bed pans, carpeting, binders, and draperies to name a few. See http://www.noharm.org/lib/downloads/pvc/DEHP_Audit_Guidelines.



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How can you help?

- When ordering a new product, ask the supplier if it contains DEHP.
- Inventory your current products and indicate if they are DEHP-free.
- Look for alternatives at: http://www.noharm.org/lib/downloads/pvc/Alternatives_to_PVC_DEHP.pdf



Safer, Healthier Stony Brook Brochure is Updated

Contributed by Kathy Terwilliger

Last year the Safety Management & Security subcommittee produced an informational brochure titled "A Safer, Healthier Stony Brook". The brochure detailed what we can do to reduce injuries to ourselves and to our fellow coworkers, patients and visitors, and has steps that an employee can follow in the unfortunate event they experience a work-related injury or illness. The brochure was updated this year to reflect changes to the Employee Occupational Injury/Illness Reporting policy (HR:0016) and Employee Injury/Illness Report form. The brochure is distributed to new employees at Orientation and at Employee Health & Wellness. Some examples on ways to prevent occupational injuries include:

- Use lifting equipment or ask for assistance when handling patients, or heavy supplies or equipment.
- Always follow your departmental work procedures. If you are unfamiliar with a specific procedure, request training.
- Familiarize and follow Environmental Health and Safety's policies which are posted on the Hospital's intranet.
- As required, wear your personal protective equipment such as gloves, goggles, gown or N95 respirator.



- Be careful and alert to your surroundings. If you see spillage or wet floors, please take immediate action to remedy.
- Avoid rushing as you or others may be injured.
- Secure loose wires to minimize tripping hazards.
- If you see something, say something. Report unsafe conditions to your supervisor, Environmental Health & Safety (4-6783), or University Police (911) immediately.



Construction Safety

Contributed by Bob Weniger



A new focus this year has been centered on construction safety. Initiatives included the participation in the 10 hour

OSHA Construction Safety Course for all construction and facilities personnel and the purchase of personal protective equipment including hard hats, bump hats, safety glasses, goggles and gloves. Weekly

construction safety inspection rounds are conducted with one of the construction supervisors. The aim is to increase awareness of safety among the staff.

