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UT Chemical and Hazardous Waste Policies, Procedures and Best Practices

Mission

As part of pursuing its mission as an institution of higher learning, certain UT faculty, staff, students, contractors and visitors procure, import, store and use chemicals and generate hazardous waste. All such persons shall take professional responsibility for working to create as safe an environment as possible for themselves and others, in settings in which they are working and/or directing others, where chemicals/hazardous wastes are used, so as to minimize the likelihood of an accident.

All of the aforementioned persons shall follow applicable federal, state and local regulations, as well as University policies and procedures regarding chemical usage and the proper storage and disposal of hazardous waste generated on University property. Toward this end, the University provides resources that include the Chemical Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator and the Chemical Hygiene budget, the chemical safety website and an annual training session that is open to all of these individuals to attend.

Vision

Working to create as safe an environment as possible is a shared responsibility, but individuals are ultimately responsible for their actions and choices. University personnel who serve in leadership capacities will draw upon their professional training and expertise to train, to the best of their ability, those who work under their guidance. Outside training resources will be employed, as necessary, to facilitate efforts to provide sound chemical safety practices. The University will continually strive to foster a professional climate where its people embrace pursuing, and learning whenever necessary, best practices regarding the safe use of chemicals and procedures for the generation/storage/disposal of hazardous wastes.

Values

- The University values educating its employees in the proper handling of chemicals and hazardous wastes and will make yearly training available to its employees who use and generate these materials.
- The University values faculty, staff and contractors knowing how to respond to chemical emergencies on University property in order to best ensure their personal safety and the safety of others. First, attend to your and others personal safety and do not hesitate to call 911 if you believe it is necessary. Second, contact UT Security to notify them of an accident or emergency involving chemicals and ask them to contact Dr. Steve Kucera.
- The University values learning from unforeseen circumstances and/or human error that cause an accident and pursuing preventative measures and education, whenever such instances occur, in order to reduce the likelihood of a recurrent event.
- The University values and expects full and open disclosure of all activities related to chemical use and hazardous waste generation and disposal. Fraudulent actions in any situation or emergency involving chemicals and/or hazardous waste, will not be tolerated. This University and its employees will always cooperate with local, state and/or federal authorities visiting the institution to inspect for compliance with regulations and/or to investigate an accident.

August, 2010, Dr. Steve Kucera, CEHSC