

SVM SAFETY SEEKER



SVM SAFETY NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Beat the heat!

Heat Illness Prevention

plan • train • provide water • provide shade

- This is a great time of year to start planning ahead for summer field work
- Make sure to complete [Heat Illness Prevention Training](#)
- Have a plan in place to provide water and shelter as needed
- Refer to the [UC Davis Heat Illness Prevention Manual](#) and [SafetyNet 123: Heat Illness Prevention](#)
- [Bottled water budgeting for Field Safety](#)

SVM SAFETY NEWS

- **Safety Tip:** “Housekeeping” is crucial in the lab – take the time every week to see if bench paper needs replacing, cell culture collection flasks need cleaning or overfilled glass or sharps need disposal. When inspectors come to our facilities they look at the overall appearance of a lab space in addition to specific items – if an area is clean, they are more likely to move along quickly
- California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is anticipated to begin inspecting UCD Campus this month/maybe next (date unknown currently) – they inspect medical waste generation and disposal
 - Common citations found on [Page 3](#)
- **Safety Services has updated the [Chemical Hygiene Plan](#) – Formerly known as the Lab Safety Manual**
 - **Make sure you have the MOST CURRENT VERSION in your lab safety binder (Page 4)**

SAFETY SERVICES UPDATES

- Please make sure you have the following SOPs in place as EH&S is checking for them
 - [Hazardous Drugs](#) Version 1.2 Last Updated 3/6/2024
 - [Laboratory Control Matrix for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients](#) (.pdf)
 - Labs that have this SOP already *and* handle chemotherapeutic drugs must switch to the new template OR attach the [Hazardous Drugs Addendum](#) (.doc)
 - [Hydrofluoric Acid](#) - Version 1.0, Last Updated 9/25/2023

UPCOMING/NEW TRAININGS

- [UCD Laboratory Safety 101: Overview](#) - designed to guide laboratory personnel managers and Principal Investigators on how to develop, implement and maintain laboratory safety programs (TBD)
- [RSS Academy Trainings](#) : Covers Radiation, Chemicals, LHAT, Inspect, etc.
- For safety updates, upcoming inspections and other resources go to: <https://safety.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/>
- Feedback? Email: kimatis@ucdavis.edu

LABORATORY SELF-INSPECTIONS

- Reminder to complete lab self-inspections – these can be done through the online [INSPECT](#) tool or with your [SVM Safety Officer](#)
- Annual lab self-inspections are a CalOSHA requirement
- Lab self-inspections also help prepare you for campus and outside agency inspections that can result in citations

TARRAN'S SPOTLIGHT



- Does your research require a Controlled Substance? Here's how to [get started](#)
- Additional staff that will have access need to complete the training and a background check – please contact your MSO or HR to get that process started
- Once approval has taken place – please forward all info to cs-info@ucdavis.edu
- Have expired Controlled Substances? Please use the online [Controlled Substance Usage Log Management System](#) to submit a disposal request
- Once you have put in a request make sure it is actually submitted!
- Click where the arrow indicates to have the request go through to have the expired drugs picked up by EH&S

[1] Disposal Request item(s) ready for submission. (submit pickup request now) ←

of Boxes Received: 1 of 1
of Containers/Vials Received: 5 of 5
Containers/Vials per Box: 5
Initial Volume of Container/Vial: 1.000 ml
Total Volume Received: 5.000 ml
Concentration: 0.30 mg/ml

IMPORTANT: FORMALIN FIXED TISSUE DISPOSAL

- If you have small amounts of formalin fixed tissues to dispose of:
 - Decant the formalin off the tissue into a waste container (affix a WASTE tag as soon as you start accumulating)
 - Dispose of the tissue with PATH biohazard waste
 - You can have the small tissue containers disposed of as hazardous waste as well by creating another WASTE tag
- If you have a large quantity of formalin fixed tissue to dispose of:
 - Contact hazwaste@ucdavis.edu
 - They can drop off a 55gal drum that the formalin fixed tissue (container and all) can go into
 - Once you have disposed of all your samples, you can then place a WASTE tag on the drum and schedule pickup
- Formalin fixed tissue cannot go into the regular trash waste stream
- While formalin fixed tissue may not be considered biohazardous, it is considered hazardous to us and the environment and must be disposed of through the appropriate channels

CDPH Common Citations:

Items **cannot** be stacked or placed on top of biohazard bins or sharps



Items **cannot** go past the fill line or spill over the sides of bins



Lids to biohazard bins **must be closed completely** when not in use – bins **cannot** be left open when not actively working



The most recent version of the campus Chemical Hygiene Plan can be accessed here:



safetyervices.ucdavis.edu/CHP