



SVM SAFETY NEWS



Fumehood alarming? Faucet dripping?

Who do I call?

If you are having issues with lights, faucets, fumehoods and even the elevator – basically anything building related – give Facilities Management a call at: 1-530-752-1655 or place a work order online here: <https://facilities.ucdavis.edu/>

- Scroll down and on the left hand side you'll see a button to submit a service request

UL Listings on Electrical Equipment

Have some equipment you inherited from another lab? Brought equipment with you from your previous employer?

- Make sure your equipment adheres to US Standards and meets campus electrical code
- Not sure? Check for the UL Listing



- [Electrical Safety Resources](#)



Outdoor Safety

- [Beat the Heat](#) - Preventing heat illness, disinfecting water coolers, requirements and trainings
- [Wildfire Smoke](#) and [Wildfire Season](#)
- [AN&R Environmental Health and Safety](#) offers tips on bugs, snakes, mountain lions, etc. for those of you venturing outdoors for field work or recreation

Contemplating a Career in Safety?

- Consider gaining more knowledge by completing the [Safety Services DSC Academy Certificate Series](#)
- Look into getting your [24HR HAZWOPER](#) training certificate (this company is not endorsed by SVM, but is provided as an example of a resource)
- [Arizona State University](#) offers a professional safety certificate programs (some classes are available online)

Campus Ready Updates:

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- Workplace policies, guidelines and protocols and signs to minimize exposure
- Check frequently for updates
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations](#)

TARRAN'S SPOTLIGHT



"Look at me in my PPE"

Reminder that the [PPE campaign](#) is still going! Keep wearing your required PPE to earn your lab a pizza party!

SAFETY SERVICES UPDATES:

Microtome Safety

- Beginning in 2023 the lab safety review will add a question relating to microtomes to their checklist in an effort to reduce/eliminate microtome injuries
- [SafetyNet 146 – Microtome Use Hazards and Precautions](#)
- [CalOSHA regulation on microtomes](#)

Odor Concerns

- Frequently we receive calls about "sewer like smells" or "gas smells" and often times it's a dried out P-trap
- See the page at the end of the newsletter on what you can do to help get rid of the smell

Upcoming Trainings



UCD Lab Safety 101: Overview

- Class is designed to guide laboratory personnel managers and PIs on how to development, implement and maintain safety programs
- **Thursday, June 23**
9 - 11:30 a.m.
[Register on the LMS](#)

Online Lab Safety Tools Seminar

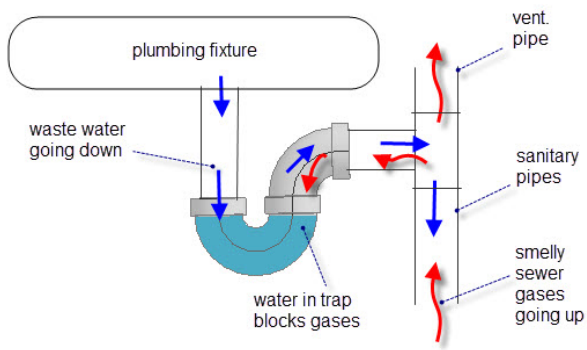
- An interactive class to teach you how to use UC Online Lab Safety Tools: LHAT, Chemicals, Inspect, WASTE & Profile
Monday, June 27
1:30 - 4 p.m.
[Register on the LMS](#)

SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS



Have a topic you'd like to see mentioned in the newsletter or suggestions for improvement?
Please let me know! kimatis@ucdavis.edu

Avoid Stinky Sinks and Drains!

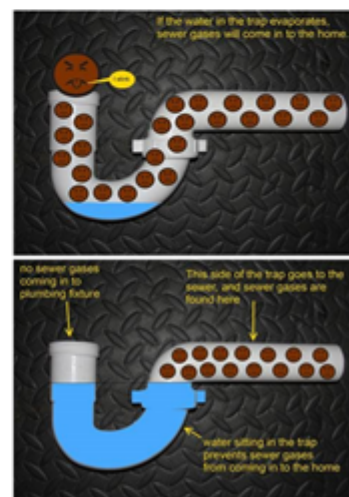


A p-trap is u-shaped plumbing device which prevents odorous gases in plumbing drains and sewers from rising up through toilets, sinks and floor drains.

Water in a p-trap acts as a barrier preventing sewer gases from escaping. Sewer gases give off a rotten egg odor, which is often a good indicator that there is a dried-out p-trap. Although not a health hazard, odor concerns from sewer gases may lead to discomfort directly affecting the indoor air quality of a space.

Odor concerns related to dry p-traps are frequent throughout the campus, and are the most common within labs with hidden, rarely used or historical (uncapped) drains.

Odors from a dried p-trap can be easily remedied by pouring water down a drain. If drains are prone to drying out frequently, pouring a small amount of mineral oil down the drain after filling it with water will act as a barrier to the water from evaporating. So next time you experience a strange odor within your space, be sure to look for that hidden, stinky trap!



(Safety Services : Beyond the Bench – go [here](#) to subscribe)

What happens if you've done all of this and the odor remains?

Contact Safety Services (530-752-1493) and/or Krisztina Forward (kimatis@ucdavis.edu or 530-219-3543) and we'll work to address your concerns