

Agenda – September 28th, 2022
Group 9 (College of Engineering) Health and Safety Committee

1. Attending

Derrick Van Kirk or Niyousha Rahimi, AA
Colleen Irvin or Robbie Wong, BioE
Ted Hanson, CEE
Michael Pomfret, CEI
Benjamin Rutz, ChemE
Michael Glidden, CoE DO
Alexander Lefort or Selest Nashef, CSE
Tai Chen, ECE

Sonia Honeydew or Erin McKeown, EH&S
Sarah Coppola or Stacia Green, HCDE
Sheila Prusa or Kelly Foong, ISE
Kameron Harmon, ME
John Young or M. Weaver, MoIES/NanoES
Tatyana Galenko or Hanson Fong, MSE
N. Shane Patrick or Maria Huffman, WNF

2. Previous Meeting Minutes

- August 2022 – approve? Corrections/additions?
- Minutes posted at <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#> and safety boards.

3. Department Incident Reports (use “5 Why’s” analysis for one report)

- All OARS reports may also be found on Tableau while on the UW network via this link: <https://bitools.uw.edu/#/site/Transitional/projects/573>.
- HFS Res Life @ McCarty Hall (#2022-07-051) – Camp participant burned finger(s) with hot glue gun.
- Collab Core – WCET Managers @ NanoE Building (#2022-08-051) – Student accidentally stuck their finger with used needle as they removed it from syringe, potentially exposing themselves to a solution of lead (II)iodide, hexane, and trioctylphosphine oxide.
- WNF @ Fluke Hall (#2022-08-055) – Paid volunteer left significant amount of polymeric and chemical residue on and around shared hot plate without reporting spill.
- WNF @ Fluke Hall (#2022-08-058) – Employee left methylene chloride/dichloromethane unattended in a closed HDPE container for a lift-off process.
- WNF @ Fluke Hall (#2022-08-059) – Student discovered they’d unintentionally brought methylene blue into the lab, covered and set aside the solution with the intention of gaining guidance on proper waste disposal, and forgot about it.
- AA @ Kirsten Wind Tunnel (#2022-08-065) – Student employee was repositioning a stanchion as part of calibrating wind tunnel balance, and their hand was caught in a pinch point and cut by a sharp edge.
- MSE @ NanoE Building (#2022-08-072) – Employee's eyes may have been exposed to 532 nm laser when they removed eyewear to see beam spot; employee noticed an increase in floaters and general eye fatigue.
- MSE @ Wilcox Hall (#2022-08-097) – Student employee sliced off tip of left index finger while using paper cutter.
- ChemE @ Benson Hall(#2022-08-118) – An employee found a Bunsen burner gas line had been left open overnight, so they turned it off, closed the lab, and advised authorities.
- WNF @ Fluke Hall (#2022-08-120) – A facility user found a squeeze bottle of acetone partially melted against a hotplate in a fume hood.

4. Group Business

- Open floor to discussion about COVID-19 in the workplace as continued from discussions in incident #2022-05-010.

5. UW-Wide Meeting

- August meeting minutes attached.
- September agenda attached. Meeting highlights will be presented by Alex Lefort:

- COVID-19 Updates:
 - King and surrounding counties continuing to see dropped numbers of infection, though also lower testing.
 - Quarantine is no longer required for close contacts outside of healthcare settings, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Bivalent (BA4/BA5) Omicron boosters now available; The University strongly recommends receiving these. They are required for medical locations.
 - UW will be providing the new boosters at both the Medical Center and at pop-up clinics around campus at the beginning of October. See the COVID-19 page for more information on location and dates or click this link: <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/2022/09/12/covid-19-vaccine-pop-up-clinics-oct-3-5/>
 - Governor is poised to rescind all COVID-19 emergency orders by end of October.
 - The COVID-19 Public Health Flowchart has been updated and significantly streamlined.
 - EH&S has also added a new UW Guidelines Summary sheet: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/system/files/resources/covid-guidelines-summary.pdf>
 - The first two weeks of the quarter masks are strongly recommended.
 - Students are asked to test prior to coming back to campus
 - Reporting positive test results is still required.
 - Updates will be sent via email in the coming weeks.
- Monkey Pox Updates:
 - Cases in King County and state-wide are starting to level off.
 - EH&S still wants to know if there is a positive exposure thought to have happened on campus.
 - Vaccine supplies are still limited and are targeted to groups at high risk and to those who have been exposed.
 - Slides have been sent out via email for additional information.
- Guest Speaker: Matt Weber, Director of Workers Compensation Office speaking on Workers Comp:
 - There are incentives for bringing a person back to work to assist with helping them with their job.
 - It is important to look for low-energy job opportunities around your departments which could be extended to someone returning from an injury.
 - Much more information on this topic in the slides sent via email with respect to break-downs in the injuries that occur, where they occur, how to mitigate them, and how to assist people returning to work.
- U-Wide Committee reviewed and voted on changes to the U-Wide Charter.
- Keep an eye on your fire extinguishers! Ensure they're up to standard, but also that they are present and not missing.
- A new voluntary training has been launched for Chemical Hygiene Officers: Hands-On Training for CHOs: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/about/latest-news/new-hands-training-chemical-hygiene-officers>
- WA Governor's Safety & Health Conference is this month: <https://lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safety-training-materials/workshops-events/governors-industrial-safety-health-conference>

6. **Member Updates**

Next Meeting: October 26th, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom

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Health and Safety Committee for Group 9 (College of Engineering)

Meeting Date: August 24th, 2022 (via Zoom)

Attended

Carter Beamish, AA

Robbie Wong, BioE

Benjamin Rutz, ChemE

Alexander Lefort, CSE

Tai Chen, ECE

Sonia Honeydew, EH&S

Sheila Prusa, ISE

Kameron Harmon, ME

John Young, MoES/NanoES

Hanson Fong, MSE

N. Shane Patrick, WNF

Absent

Ted Hanson, CEE

Michael Glidden, CoE Deans Office

Michael Pomfret, CEI

Sarah Coppola, HCDE

Previous Meeting Minutes

- July 2022 – minutes approved as is.
- Previous meeting minutes are at: <https://www.engr.washington.edu/mycoe/safety#>.
EH&S recommends each department/group post paper copies on their safety board and inform employees of the name of their rep.

Incident Reports

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- Chem E (#2022-04-028) – Ben was able to sit down with group and confirm that the space in which the incident happened is, indeed, a sanctioned space for terminal animal care. They take the animals from another facility and bring them in to be euthanized and studied. Lab reps are working with EH&S on all facilities and have met all requirements. The manager, Elizabeth, did recognize that these issues were becoming a pattern and shut down the lab temporarily to assess and change the procedures. They switched from barbiturate euthanasia to only using CO2 euthanasia. No students are handling the rats directly in the CO2 procedures. The only specimens still using barbiturate euthanasia are juveniles where the risk in handling is negligible. This incident report has been closed.
- ChemE (#2022-04-070) – Ben spoke with the student in question and found that this happened as the student was lifting the equipment into secondary containment for changing oil. The secondary containment vessel has been switched to a sheet metal container with no sharp edges (assumed to have folded edges). This incident has been closed.
- ChemE (#2022-04-072) – This incident was similar to #2022-04-028 and has been solved by the prior's corrective actions as well. This incident has been closed.
- BioE (#2022-07-31) – This incident was caused by insufficient availability of properly fitting PPE for the lab. This has been corrected and the lab reminded not to conduct activities when the PPE is not available. This incident report has been closed.
- WNF (#2022-07-045) – Shane noted that the razor presence is generally unavoidable in the lab, as they cannot use retractable enclosures due to particle and oil contaminant concerns. They are working with EH&S to see if there are other alternatives that wouldn't be as wasteful as throwing away the razors after one use each. Otherwise, Shane has worked with the student through previously trained info again. This incident has been closed.
- HFS Res Life (#2022-07-051) – Tabled to next meeting due to lack of representation.
- CEE (#2022-07-053) – The incident largely seems to have been a PPE proper fitting issue, which the supervisor has noted has been resolved. This incident report has been closed.
- BioE (#2022-07-053) – Sonia noted that EH&S recommended follow-up PCR testing to all individuals. Robbie stated the underlying issue seems to have been too many volunteers donating swabs all at once and not enough staff to push them through. Procedures have been changed to reduce the number of participants coming in at one time. This incident is closed with the stipulation that Colleen receives the information from this incident report.

Group Business

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- Due to multiple largely concerned parties not being present, this business item has been tabled to next meeting.

UW-Wide Meeting

- Alex asked if anyone had any questions/comments on notes from the U-Wide:
 - COVID-19 Updates:
 - Continued decrease in cases of COVID.
 - Husky Program seeing lower positivity rates in tests, though also seeing lower testing turnout.
 - King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties have moved into low-level community risk.
 - Ahead of fall quarter, EH&S is planning to put out a campus-wide notice to students, staff, and faculty returning to campus with general reminders and asking them to test.
 - More info will come out with these notices on days for scheduling first-round vaccines or boosters accordingly.
 - Monkey Pox Updates:
 - WHO designated public health emergency and so has the US (this is different from a Pandemic status, such as with COVID-19). Over 200 known cases in WA.
 - EH&S now has website for keeping up with Monkey Pox news.
 - The spread is generally through skin-to-skin contact, saliva, and sharing surfaces such as fabrics. It is not fatal in most cases, though can be more severe for people with compromised immune systems.
 - EH&S recommends quarantining for four weeks until the rashes have subsided.
 - Vaccines are available for those who are at highest risk, but otherwise are not generally available to the public.
 - Although it can affect anyone, it is more heavily affecting men who sleep with men and with multiple partners currently.
 - EH&S is not currently tracking the spread in general, but people should report incidents if they believe that it could have been from a workplace or residence hall contact.
 - Fomite exposures are considered very low risk in most UW settings outside of medical and residence hall locations.
 - Instructors and supervisors are encouraged to be accommodating for those affected with Monkey Pox.
 - Sarah noted that accommodations need to be more streamlined by those up top, as everything falling on the instructors is untenable.
 - Guest Speaker: Megan Kennedy of Resilience Lab speaking on resources for students & employees well-being:
 - Centralized Wellness Website: [Husky Health & Wellbeing](#)
 - MySSP (for students): 24/7 support
 - Let's Talk: Virtual space for non-official consultation; may provide locations for quick resources if students not sure where to go.
 - Group Counseling: Several groups exist on campus.
 - LiveWell: includes services for general issues that might not fully fall under mental health but can be related; Peer-to-peer coaching.

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- SafeCampus: If you need consult for your or someone else's help. Can also assist in more urgent situations in addition to calling 9-1-1.
- For staff, faculty, and students:
- Be REAL: 6-week program equipping participants with cognitive behavior skills to cope with challenging situations, mindfulness skills, strengthening self-awareness, and practices that encourage compassion. Each session is 90 minutes, includes discussion, activities, & guided contemplative practices. Starting a new group in fall. Program is researched: publishing article soon on the noted benefits specifically from this program for staff, faculty, and students.
- Well-Being for Life & Learning: originally made to support instructors on making healthful & well-being made classes. Assists with bringing instructors into a community of practice.
- The Whole U: Lots of workshops, trainings, community-based events. Great for wholistic wellness.
- All services through actual counselors are protected by HIPPA. Those through peer-to-peer and less formal ones are not.
- For questions and additional information, contact Megan Kennedy: meganken@uw.edu.
- Sonia is working on edits to the UWide Charter: Please contact Alex to submit requests to the specified form by August 24th. (Sonia noted that she liked the Group 9 amendment for the revised rules of order and recommended that the U-Wide look into adopting it as well!)
- Ergonomics Update: Ergonomics page has been updated with added pictures and added multiple (10) videos for setting up your office ergonomically. Sonia also added a reminder of the Request for Office Ergonomic Evaluation at the bottom of the page. There is also always a rotating exhibit of chairs and other equipment from vendors of the UW that you may try out at the Access Technology Center (ATC) in Mary Gates hall 064. Contact before visiting: 206-685-4144, atcenter@uw.edu.
- By George Stairwell into parking lot still sees daily feces and fentanyl paraphernalia; Documents and discussions on this are being elevated up to further building guidance and rulings.
- UWPD: Craig Welson, interim chief, has now become the permanent chief.
- EH&S Updates:
 - APP has been updated with a [change log linked here](#).
 - If L&I comes in to review your workplace it is imperative that you call EH&S to come in to facilitate the inspection.
 - Seven positions open around EH&S for hire. See positions searching with "EHS" or "EH&S" on UW Hires.

Department Updates

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- HCDE – Sarah submitted notes for HCDE updates: We've had serious heat issues in Sieg Building all summer. It reaches 80 degrees most days and several days has hit into the 90s. A designated cool space had the AC unit break and facilities has been slow to respond despite multiple attempts to escalate. OSHA and WA L&I guidance shows this as a safety hazard, but EH&S has also responded with unhelpful information. Sarah recommends that UW needs to address the climate change-related heat factors directly and provide climate controlled safe spaces with ergonomic desk setups. Facilities needs to prioritize fixing AC during heat crises. Sarah notes HCDE has ongoing concerns about the biological hazards of COVID and Monkey Pox. Also has ongoing concerns around mental health hazards created by 2.5 years of crisis staffing and teaching and insufficient resources from the University to mitigate harms.
- MoIES/NanoES – Mike Pomfret will be talking about needle prick to guest in space next meeting.
- WNF – Couple of incident reports coming up next meeting; in process of updating SOPs. With respect to a large theft of \$150,000 in precious metals, DHS has now become involved.

Adjournment

- Adjourned at 2:15 PM. Passed vote to adjourn early.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting will be September 28th, 2022 at 1:30 PM via Zoom.



Report Number: 2022-07-051

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: **STUDENT ASSISTANT** Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : **07/19/2022**
Department: **SL: HFS Res Life: MILL JM Student** Time Reported: **11:11 AM**

Person Involved or Affected

Department: **ENG: Deans Office-Academic Affairs**

Incident Details

Campus: **Seattle** Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : **07/19/2022**
Incident Location: **McCarty Hall** Time of Incident: **11:00 AM**
Room: **B45**
Other:

Incident Description: **A student in Make It! Rapid Prototyping gave themselves a small burn using a hot glue gun. They quickly told a staff member and we gave him first aid supplies. The student is not a UW student, just a participant in the Continuum College summer camp.**
The student's name is XXXXXXX and he is a minor. XXXXXXX and XXXXXXX's parents/guardians took a safety training and signed our user agreement before using any equipment.

Supervisor

Full Name: **Deianeira L Caudle** Phone: **=+1 206 543-6393**
Occupation / Position: **STUDENT ASSISTANT** Email: **cauldld@uw.edu**
Department: **ENG: Deans Office-Academic Affairs**

Classification

Injury requiring first aid

Has Attachment(s): **Yes**

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): **Burn (Thermal, Chemical, Electrical)**
Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): **Fingers**
Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: **Temperature Extreme (Hot or Cold); Tools, Instruments**

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: **None**
Trip: **None**
Fall From Same Level: **None**
Fall From Elevated Height: **None**
Stairs: **None**

Contributing Factors

Equipment: **Using Equipment Improperly**
Environment: **Hot Objects**
Policies / Procedures: **Failure to Follow Procedures**
Human Factors: **Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures; Inattention**

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: **None**

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: **- hot equipment
- inattention to equipment and improper handling of equipment**

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: **Remind users of hot item specific safety procedures as listed in the safety training before use.**

Other Comments: **Student was given burn ointment and a band-aid.**

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : **07/26/2022** Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : **26-July-22**

EH&S Comments



Report Number: 2022-08-051

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/15/2022

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WCET Managers

Time Reported: 01:13 PM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WCET Managers

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/15/2022

Incident Location: NANOENGINEERING BLDG

Time of Incident: 11:00 AM

Room:

Other:

Incident Description: A visiting student was participating in a workshop as part of the new NSF Center for Integration of Modern Optoelectronic Materials on Demand. The workshop includes a lab module for the synthesis of fluorescent quantum dots. During the experiment, the visiting student stabbed her left middle finger with a syringe needle while trying to remove the needle from a syringe. The needle had been used to transfer a solution of lead(II) iodide, hexane, and triethylphosphine oxide. The student washed the wound with soap and water and continued rinsing it for 15 minutes. She was then escorted to the UWMC emergency room for evaluation. She was given a tetanus booster and discharged after the hospital reviewed the SDSs for the chemicals present in the syringe.

Supervisor

Full Name: Michael Pomfret

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Occupation / Position:

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Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WCET Managers

Classification

Injury requiring medical treatment (go to level 3 if in-patient hospitalization or amputation occurred)

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Cut, Laceration, Puncture, Scratch, Abrasion (Open Wound)

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): Fingers

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Needle/Scalpel/Medical Sharps (Clinical, Research, Teaching)

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: Improper Equipment

Environment: None

Policies / Procedures: Inadequate Instructions, Procedures

Human Factors: None

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Change the procedure to use pipettes instead of syringe needles, review sharps waste procedure.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Use of a needle in a procedure that does not require one. Unnecessary disassembly of the needle and syringe prior to placing in waste.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: It was determined that a needle was not required for materials transfer in the procedure as the container did not have or require a septum. The experimental procedure was immediately revised to use a pipette in place of a syringe with a needle. The team involved was also reminded that needles do not need to be removed from syringes and that the syringe with attached needle can be placed in the sharps waste container.

Other Comments: Experimental procedure adjusted immediately to remove the use of syringe needles as they are not necessary for viable execution of the procedure.

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/22/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 15-August-22

EH&S Comments

fwd: OHNurse, Lesley Decker, Zara Llewellyn.



Report Number: 2022-08-055

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH SCIENTIST/ENGINEER 4 (E S 9)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Time Reported: 08:15 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Incident Location: FLUKE HALL

Time of Incident: 07:15 AM

Room: 127B

Other:

beginning at 7:30am. The bench was currently in use for hotplate processing, but the equipment reservation ended at 6:30am. At 7:15, given the user of the hotplate was not in the lab at the time, I went in, set the process containers aside carefully, and began cleaning and clearing the area so the next user could use it.

Incident Description: I found a significant amount of polymeric and chemical residue on, around, and behind the hot plate, with the power cord sitting in a small puddle of it, and more on the lid for the sonicator. As there was not evacuation issued (nor warranted) and no staff had been contacted for assistance with the spill, I was left with only the conclusion that a spill occurred and was left as an unattended hazard for others to potentially come into contact with.

This is a major violation of our cardinal safety rules. As such, I removed the user's access effective as of noon and will be reviewing the incident with the rest of the WNF management team. I am recommending a 30 day suspensio..

Supervisor

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Phone: =+1 206 221-1045

Occupation / Position:

Email: patricns@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Classification

Near miss (Potential hazard -- no injury, exposure, or property damage)

Has Attachment(s): Yes

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Chemicals

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: None

Environment: Chemicals; Poor Housekeeping

Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures

Human Factors: Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures; Inattention

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Lab use suspended pending review and retraining.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Failure to follow procedures regarding small spills and correct cleanup. Inattention to details.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Lab access to be suspended pending retraining.

Other Comments: Observation of this process continues. No further incidents of such chemical contamination or failure to follow procedures has been observed. The subject's processing rights and access have been restored after thorough review and discussion between all parties.

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/19/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 29-August-22

EH&S Comments





Report Number: 2022-08-058

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH SCIENTIST/ENGINEER 4 (E S 9)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Time Reported: 09:58 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Electrical & Computer Engineering Majumdar Lab

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Incident Location: FLUKE HALL

Time of Incident: 07:15 AM

Room: 127B

Other:

Incident Description: While attending to another matter I noticed an HDPE container with screw top lid in use, unattended, with a lift-off process in progress using methylene chloride/dichloromethane. This chemical can be used safely with HDPE for short periods of time, but will swell significantly with long exposure. Long exposures are not allowed with this chemical at WNF. I removed the user's sample and disposed of the chemical per WNF's solvent management plan. Historically, this chemical was intended to be used in very small amounts for very short term use for removing one specific polymer in use at WNF. Over time the use of it appears to have expanded. Documentation and training needs to be formalized for its usage at this point. Methylene chloride has been removed from the facility until this can be addressed.

Supervisor

Full Name: Nicholas S Patrick

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Occupation / Position:

Email: patricns@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Classification

Near miss (Potential hazard -- no injury, exposure, or property damage)

Has Attachment(s): Yes

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Chemicals

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: Using Equipment Improperly; Improper Equipment

Environment: Chemicals

Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures; Inadequate Instructions, Procedures

Human Factors: Inadequate Training; Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Codify use of methylene chloride at WNF. Require and provide training.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Expanded use of historical chemical, loss of process monitoring. Insufficient communication/process documentation.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Codify usage of methylene chloride. Provide and document training.

Other Comments:

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 09/19/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) :

EH&S Comments

fwd: Tracy Harvey, OHNurse, Zara Llewellyn.



Report Number: 2022-08-059

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH SCIENTIST/ENGINEER 4 (E S 9)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Time Reported: 10:09 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Electrical & Computer Engineering Chen JM Student

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Incident Location: FLUKE HALL

Time of Incident: 07:15 AM

Room: 127B

Other:

of its mixture - Methylene blue. This material is not in use at WNF, has no record of being approved for use at WNF, and is not listed in WNF's chemical inventory in MyChem.

Incident Description: I spoke with the user in question and the methylene blue was used on a patterned silicon wafer in a different location on campus at an earlier step in the user's process. When the user exposed the wafer to solvent at WNF, they noticed the solvent waste took on a slight blue color, indicating the presence of methylene blue. The user sealed the container, set it aside, and intended to contact staff for guidance on handling the waste mixture since the chemical has no established waste path at WNF. This work occurred on June 20th according to the date on the container and was observed still sitting in the fume hood on the date of this report.

User acknowledges the failure to follow through on contacting staff in a timely manner and has been reminded of ..

Supervisor

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Occupation / Position:

Email: patricns@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

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Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: None

Environment: Chemicals

Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures

Human Factors: Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Remind user on importance of an accurate and complete chemical database for emergency response.
Remind user of importance of reporting issues promptly.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Failure to report in a timely manner.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Remind user on importance of an accurate and complete chemical database for emergency response.
Remind user of importance of reporting issues promptly.

Other Comments:

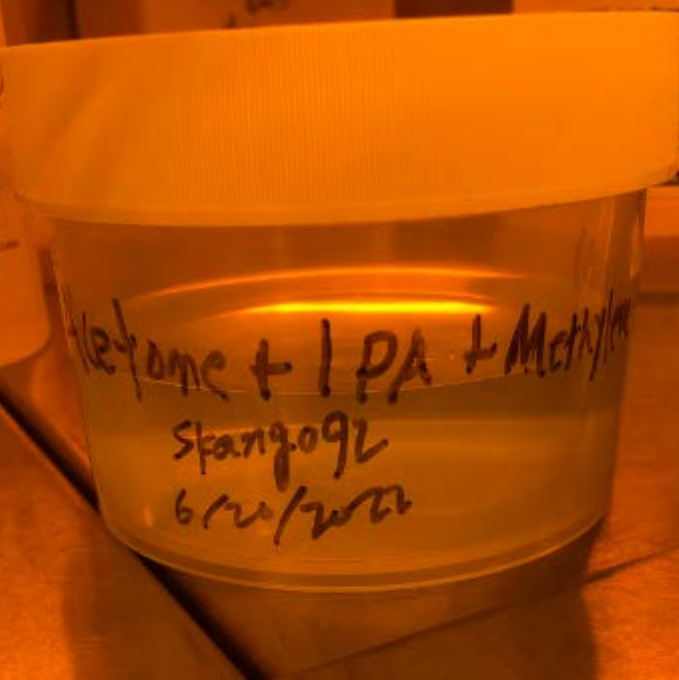
Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 16-August-22

EH&S Comments

fwd: Tracy Harvey, OHNurse, Zara Llewellyn.

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Gloves
Eye Protection
Respiratory Protection
Hazardous Materials
Safety Labels
MSDS, Hazardous Materials
Safety Labels
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Report Number: 2022-08-065

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR-PROGRAM OPERATIONS (E S 9)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Department: ENG: Aeronautics and Astronautics-Administrative

Time Reported: 04:17 PM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Aeronautics and Astronautics-Administrative

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022

Incident Location: KIRSTEN WIND TUNNEL

Time of Incident: 03:00 PM

Room: 201

Other:

Incident Description: XXXXXXX was adjusting a vertical stanchion as part of the procedure to calibrate the wind tunnel balance. While attempting to reposition the stanchion to extend it's travel, his hand was caught in a pinch point on a portion of the device that had not been adequately de-burred. He suffered a laceration that needed medical attention. Another student, XXXXXXX, administered first aid and drove XXXXXXX to the emergency room.

Supervisor

Full Name: Cara L Winter

Phone:

Occupation / Position:

Email: winterc@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Aeronautics and Astronautics-Administrative

Classification

Injury involving lost work days

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Cut, Laceration, Puncture, Scratch, Abrasion (Open Wound)

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): Hands, Wrists

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Struck or Pinched by Moving Object; Tools, Instruments

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: Using Equipment Improperly

Environment: Sharp Objects

Policies / Procedures: None

Human Factors: None

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Improper use of equipment - hands should be kept clear of the pinch points.
Sharp object - equipment had not been properly deburred

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Review proper use of the equipment and deburr the sharp edges.

Other Comments:

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/22/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 22-August-22

EH&S Comments

fwd: Brett Konzek, Brandon Kempman.



Report Number: 2022-08-072

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH ASSISTANT (E S UAW ASE) Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/16/2022
Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering-Pauzauskie Lab JM Student Time Reported: 06:54 PM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering-Pauzauskie Lab JM Student

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/09/2022
Incident Location: NANOENGINEERING BLDG Time of Incident: 03:00 PM
Room: G091
Other:

Incident Description: other lab members were working to align a 532 nm laser using two mirrors, two empty dichroic mirror cages, a beam splitter, neutral density filter, and a stage with a sample. We were wearing the appropriate protective eyewear for this wavelength and using sensor cards to see the beam spot. The optics table is slightly above waist level. The exposed 532 nm beam was pointed in my direction (but not at eye level) and I was adjusting two mirrors to center the beam spot on the card at the stage. I was standing on the side BEFORE the filter (the pointed in my direction (not at eye level) was unfiltered). The beam is 100 mW beam at the laser head. I was having trouble seeing the beam spot due to the physical distance between myself, the stage with the sample, and the protective laser eyewear. I asked my coworker to increase the laser power so that I could see the beam spot better (with my laser eyewear on). My coworker suggested that I could also take off my laser eyewear to see the beam spot better. Around the same time that this suggestion was made, my coworker also increased the beam power going through the filter. I briefly lifted my glasses while trying to look for the beam spot on the sample, but since the light felt too ..

Supervisor

Full Name: Peter J Pauzauskie Phone: =+1 206 543-2303
Occupation / Position: Email: peterpz@uw.edu
Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering

Classification

Injury requiring medical treatment (go to level 3 if in-patient hospitalization or amputation occurred)

Has Attachment(s): Yes

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Eye or Vision Issues

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): Eyes

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Radiation

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None
Trip: None
Fall From Same Level: None
Fall From Elevated Height: None
Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: No Guards/Barriers
Environment: None
Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures; Inadequate Planning, Preparation
Human Factors: Inadequate Training; PPE Not Used

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

I had missed my laser safety training, which is my fault. Having a more documented way to check lab safety trainings will help in these situations where a training is missed. The safety trainings are really important. Additionally, I believe that there are issues present in our lab safety beyond the training documentation. I think it will be helpful to work on adding enclosures to our lasers for the portion of the lasers that are above the threshold power for safely using without glasses, even though we use glasses, for the times that we want to use the 532 nm laser without glasses. Also, I think we should have a procedure for checking for stray beams off of the optics table and specular reflections off of the optics table so that we can be more positive about safety even w..

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes:

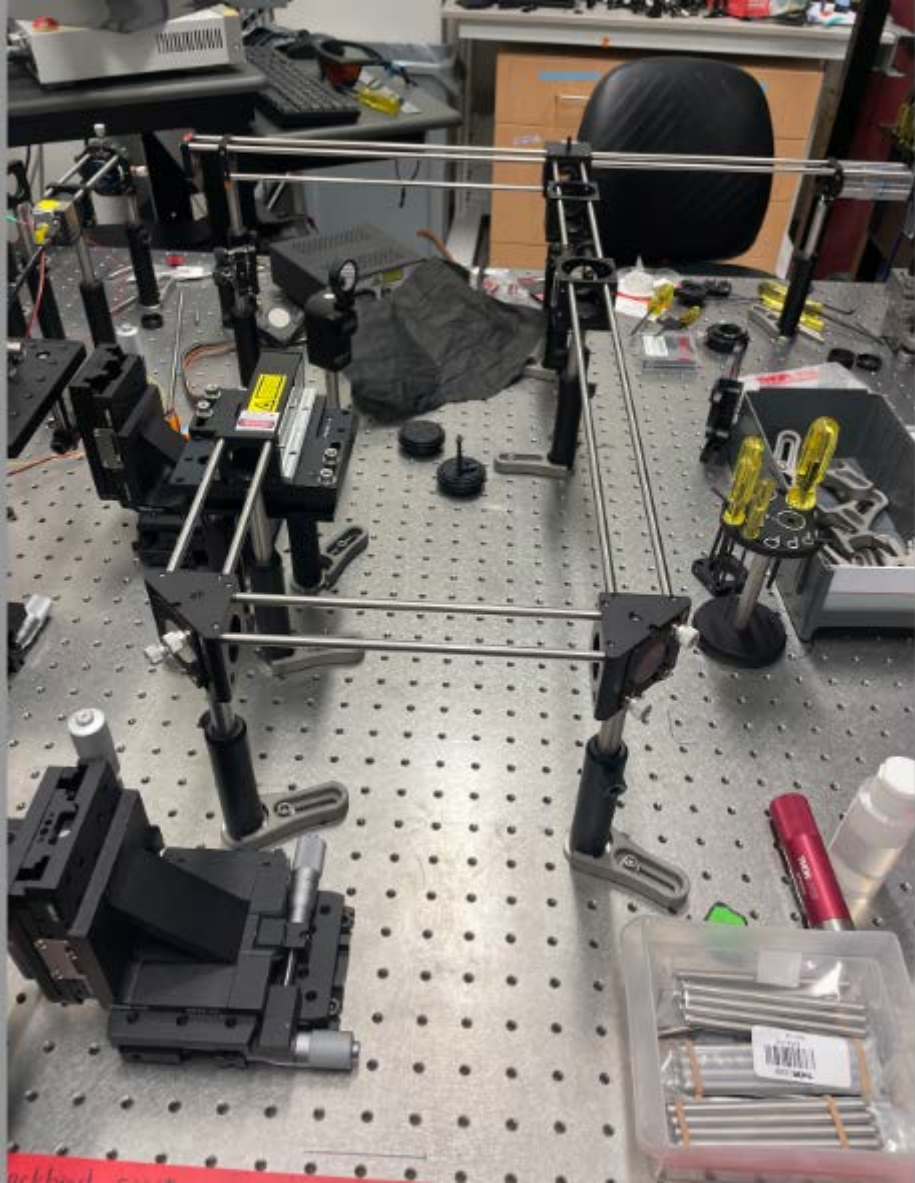
Recommendations / Preventive Measures:

Other Comments:

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) :

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) :

EH&S Comments





Report Number: 2022-08-097

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH ASSISTANT (E S UAW ASE)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/24/2022

Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering-Arola Lab JM Student

Time Reported: 07:37 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering-Arola Lab JM Student

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 07/08/2022

Incident Location: WILCOX HALL

Time of Incident: 03:30 PM

Room: 139

Other:

Incident Description: Tip of left index finger sliced off with paper cutter during normal usage. Went to UW urgent clinic and was bandaged with no stitches needed.

Supervisor

Full Name: Eleftheria Roumeli

Phone: ≈+1 206 616-2832

Occupation / Position:

Email: eroumeli@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Materials Science and Engineering

Classification

Injury requiring first aid

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Cut, Laceration, Puncture, Scratch, Abrasion (Open Wound)

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): Fingers

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Box Cutters, Knives, etc.

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: None

Environment: None

Policies / Procedures: None

Human Factors: Inattention

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Wear cut resistant gloves while using paper cutter

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: inattention

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: wear cut-resistant gloves while using the paper cutter

Other Comments: Order for gloves will be placed today, 8/24/2022.

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/24/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 24-August-22

EH&S Comments

fwd: Brett Konzek, Brandon Kempman.



Report Number: 2022-08-118

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: GRADUATE FELLOW STIPEND W/ BENEFITS

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/28/2022

Department: GRAD: Finance

Time Reported: 08:05 PM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: GRAD: Finance

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/27/2022

Incident Location: BENSON HALL

Time of Incident: 09:00 PM

Room: B33

Other:

Incident Description: We entered the lab to a smell of natural gas. We identified that the bunsen burner gas line had been left open overnight and closed the valve. We closed the room, left the building and called campus police to check on it. Natural gas smell had dissipated by the next morning.

Supervisor

Full Name: Cole A DeForest

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Occupation / Position:

Email: profcole@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Chemical Engineering-Faculty

Classification

Near miss (Potential hazard -- no injury, exposure, or property damage)

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Chemicals; Ventilation, Indoor Air Quality Issues

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: None

Environment: None

Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures

Human Factors: Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

I have posted signs around the Bunsen Burner and valve to ensure that it is definitely turned off before leaving. Additionally, I will speak to everyone during lab meeting and ensure that this does not happen again. Finally, we will enact a more formal weekend check-out procedure: whoever is last in lab on Friday must go through and briefly check that gasses are turned off, doors are closed, etc.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Lab researcher forgot to turn off gas line when not in use. Lack of posted protocols reminding folks of the critical importance of this.

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Signs posted around the Bunsen Burner and valve to ensure that it is definitely turned off before leaving. Lab members have been addressed on the importance of this so that it does not happen again. Finally, we have enacted a more formal weekend check-out procedure: whoever is last in lab on Friday must go through and briefly check that gasses are turned off, doors are closed, etc.

Other Comments: I agree with XXXXXXX's writeup and the response taken.

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/29/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 29-August-22

EH&S Comments

fwd: Tracy Harvey, Zara Llewellyn.



Report Number: 2022-08-120

Contact EH&S at 206-543-7262

Person Reporting Incident

Occupation / Position: RESEARCH SCIENTIST/ENGINEER 4 (E S 9)

Date Reported (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/29/2022

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Time Reported: 09:46 AM

Person Involved or Affected

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Incident Details

Campus: Seattle

Date of Incident (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/27/2022

Incident Location: FLUKE HALL

Time of Incident: 04:30 AM

Room: 127B

Other:

Subject of report, while working overnight, discovered an acetone wash/squeeze bottle partially melted against a large hotplate in one of WNF's fume hoods. The sidewall of the bottle was still intact when it was found and the contents had not leaked out, though softening/deforming had occurred. Acetone being highly flammable, this could have lead to a much bigger issue.

Incident Description:

The hood in question houses 3 hotplates. While appropriate solvents requiring heating can be used on these hotplates in sealed, compatible containers, pouring, spraying, transferring or other open container use of solvents is prohibited. The hood is labeled "No Wet Processing" which our users are trained during facility onboarding to understand.

Supervisor

Full Name: Nicholas S Patrick

Phone: ≈+1 206 221-1045

Occupation / Position:

Email: patricns@uw.edu

Department: ENG: Collaboration Core - WNF Staff

Classification

Property damage only

Has Attachment(s):

Type of Incident

Injury Description (none, if no injury/exposure): Property Damage Only

Body Parts Affected (none, if no injury/exposure): None

Cause of Injury/ Damage, or Potential Injury/Damage: Chemicals; Temperature Extreme (Hot or Cold)

Slip/Trip/Fall Information

Slip: None

Trip: None

Fall From Same Level: None

Fall From Elevated Height: None

Stairs: None

Contributing Factors

Equipment: Using Equipment Improperly

Environment: Chemicals; Hot Objects

Policies / Procedures: Failure to Follow Procedures

Human Factors: Failure to Follow Established Protocol/Procedures

Suggested Corrective Actions by Affected Party

Suggested Corrective Actions: None

Remind all users that any active solvent use or containers not compatible with hotplates are not allowed in this hood, per its labeling.

Supervisor's Comments

Root Causes: Failure to follow procedures

Recommendations / Preventive Measures: Remind all users that no wet processing means no active use of chemicals and no containers that are incompatible with hotplates should ever be in this hood.

Other Comments: For clarity - affected party/subject of report is not responsible for the bottle being where it was, but was the person to find, resolve, and report the matter. We were not able to determine the person who left the bottle where it was.

Corrective Actions Target Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 08/29/2022

Corrective Actions Complete Date (mm/dd/yyyy) : 29-August-22

EH&S Comments

Fwd: Tracy Harvey, Zara Llewellyn.

U-WIDE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

8/10/2022 Meeting Minutes | 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. |

	Elected Member*		Appointed Member*		Proxy*
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ryan Hawkinson (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kurt Oglesby (3)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sulgi Lotze (1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carmen Parisi, Chair (1)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Manley (5)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Magnuson (2)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nigel Horton (2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrew Abian (7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Martin Arroyo (7)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tony Colinares (3)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Andrea Chateaubriand (10)
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah O'Hara (6)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ann Aumann, SEIU 925
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Alaron Lewis (7)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Miller (8)				Senate Member*
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Alexander Lefort (9)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	= attended meeting	<input type="checkbox"/>	GPSS – Gabby Rivera
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sarah Coppola (9)	*	= voting members		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Warren (10)	13	= voting members for quorum		
	Ex-Officio Member		Ex-Officio Member		Env. Health & Safety Member
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tracey Mosier, UWF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rick Gleason, DEOHS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Katia Harb
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chris Pennington, UWF	<input type="checkbox"/>	TBD, AGO	<input type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Wade
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Seth Greenfest, UWHR	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kam Chao, UWB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lorilyn A. H. Ignao
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eric Johnson, UW Transp Svcs			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tracy Harvey
	Guests			<input type="checkbox"/>	Jenna Gravley
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Megan Kennedy	<input type="checkbox"/>			

1. Attendance/Quorum

Sonia Honeydew announced the group reached quorum.

2. Call to Order and Welcome

Carmen Parisi opened the meeting with a welcome and gave a land and water acknowledgement, then discussed meeting procedures and expectations.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Carmen asked for any suggested corrections to the July 2022 meeting minutes. No points were brought up. Carmen then asked for a motion to accept. Ann Aumann motioned and Sarah O'Hara seconded. July meeting minutes were approved.

4. COVID-19 & Monkeypox Update

Katia Harb introduced that monkeypox will be included in updates as it is a growing concern. COVID positive case reports and testing numbers have decreased in the past month. King County claimed that the most recent wave is receding. This week, King, Pierce, and Snohomish counties moved from medium to low COVID-19 community level. The University will reconsider campus masking requirements and will likely revert to "recommended" indoors. Testing is still available via HCTP PCR test kiosks and at-home antigen test kits distributed throughout campus. An all-campus COVID update is planned, and will ask for students to test before their Autumnal return. Vaccines and boosters will also be made available.

The World Health Organization declared monkeypox a public health emergency. There are currently over 1,000 infections in the country. Over 200 cases are in Washington State, with the majority in King County. EH&S has recently published a new [monkeypox guidance website](#). Monkeypox spreads differently than coronavirus, through close physical contact (skin, saliva, fomite in household) rather than airborne. Most people recover from monkeypox within 2-4 weeks, but the CDC asks that they isolate during that time. There are limited quantities of monkeypox vaccine so it is not currently recommended for the general public but is aimed toward high-risk populations. UW Medicine also has a [monkeypox webpage](#) and is working with King County. UW EH&S tracks cases if exposure occurred at the university. New residence hall guidelines are being drafted. Current cleaning procedures are deemed sufficient, so they are being reinforced. This may be reviewed if needed for patient care settings or residence halls.

There are no updated vaccine requirements for the '22-'23 school year, but possibly for '23-'24. UW highly recommends individuals get booster shots if they can. A member asked if there will be new guidance for instructors since it's an unsustainable workload for faculty to accommodate student quarantine and isolation requirements. Academic groups are aware of the issues at hand and are encouraged to be as accommodating and flexible as possible. Faculty should advise their Deans of these challenges, and Katia will reiterate the feedback to the COVID team.

5. Intro to Resilience Lab

Megan Kennedy from Undergraduate Academic Affairs presented on Resources for Student & Staff Well-Being. [MySSP](#) is a student support program accessible 24/7 worldwide via call/chat/text,

with multilingual support available as well. UW Student “[Let’s Talk](#)” is staffed by the Counseling Center, which provides referrals and free visits with no appointments necessary. The student [Counseling Center](#) offers individual counseling for 4-6 sessions as well as group counseling and other workshops. [LiveWell](#) provides skills and knowledge that supports student wellness. Peer Wellness Coaching program is a peer-to-peer coaching service for students.

[SafeCampus](#) serves as violence-prevention and response program for students, staff, and faculty. [Be REAL](#) is a six-week program with cognitive behavioral skills to help students, staff, or instructors cope with challenging situations, mindfulness skills, and other practices to encourage compassion towards themselves and others. [Well-Being for Life & Learning](#) helps faculty create healthy learning environments. The [Resilience Lab](#) facilitates instructor and staff growth. [The Whole U](#) helps faculty and staff stay healthy and navigate life events and has expanded over the past couple of years to have physical, social, financial, and mental health resources.

[Husky Health & Well-Being](#) is a centralized wellness website.

Megan Kennedy can be reached at meganken@uw.edu.

A question was raised in the chat as to which resources are confidential, and which are not. Megan answered that all groups related to the counseling center are protected by HIPPA. Some informal group meetings do not record minutes.

6. Charter Review

Sonia Honeydew showed the University-Wide Health and Safety Committee Charter and asked for suggested updates by August 24th for the committee to vote on at the September meeting. Suggestions may include HSC-9 adaptation of Robert’s Rules.

7. Ergonomics Program Updates

Sonia shared that the [EH&S Ergonomics page](#), Office Ergonomics section now includes ten instructional videos for setting up your office workstation, addressing adjustments to the desk, chair, and other common elements. For access to further assessment via online software, complete the [Office Ergonomics Evaluation form](#). The online assessment is free, though additional evaluation by a contracted ergonomist may be charged to the department. The Guide for Selecting Office Ergonomic Furniture and Equipment can help you choose ergonomic items.

8. Organizational Group Reports

Carmen requested groups present reports on anything new, interesting presentations, or updates.

HSC-1

Ryan Hawkinson: lots of new OARS reports, maybe due to increase in new staff.

HSC-2

Brett Magnuson: nothing to report.

HSC-3

Kurt Oglesby: nothing to report.

HSC-4

Not present.

HSC-5

David Manley: will review June and July OARS in August meeting.

HSC-6

Sarah O'Hara: nothing to report.

HSC-7

Martin Arroyo: monthly topic was wildfire smoke (air quality) and outdoor heat guidance.

HSC-8

Stephen Costanti: nothing to report.

HSC-9

Alex Lefort: issues with the HBO film crew on the campus grounds. Dean's office will be talking with Building Coordinators about communication plans. A few more break-ins resulted in missing equipment.

HSC-10

David Warren: wildfire smoke speaker fell through. There was a COVID outbreak on a ship.

9. Union & Senate Reports**GPSS**

Not Present.

WFSE 1488

Paula Lukaszek: reiterated concerns from staff regarding human waste and sharps in garages and stairwells e.g. By George stairwell.

SEIU 925

Ann Aumann: nothing to report.

UAW 4121

Not Present.

Faculty Senate

Not Present.

10. Ex Officio Reports**UW Facilities**

Chris Pennington: in response to Paula, a document addressing cleanup of human waste and sharps (but not drug paraphernalia) was escalated to leadership today. UWF is currently relying on contractors when drug paraphernalia is present; UW is involving regulatory agencies and subject matter experts before developing guidance for employees to address such hazards. Nothing else to report.

UWPD

Chris Jaross: preparing for football season. Human waste and sharps concerns are also impacting UWPD. Chief has been hired.

Emergency Management

Steve Charvat: wildfire smoke likely to continue from the drier east side. Looking like a busy autumn, working with public safety.

DEOHS

Rick Gleason: nothing to report.

AGO

Nancy Gwin: nothing to report.

Claim Services

Ken Nielsen: nothing to report.

Transportation Services

Eric Johnson: nothing to report.

UW Tacoma

Susan Wagshul-Golden: nothing to report.

UW Bothell

Martin Arroyo: nothing to report.

UWHR

Seth Greenfest: nothing to report.

11. EH&S Updates

Erin McKeown offered the following notes on L&I and general EH&S activities:

"There are three Labor and Industries cases in review.

- L&I is conducting a closing conference on the HMC workplace violence case where a patient threatened staff when they didn't get what they wanted.
 - L&I issued two violations with monetary penalties of \$6000.00 each to the School of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Clinic for improper management of sharps and reusable sharps. The UW plans to appeal since equipment, procedures and training were in place for proper sharps management.
 - L&I held a closing conference regarding a Physician Assistant clerking at the Stafford Creek Correctional Facility who was not provided respiratory protection at this site. UW received three violations and will appeal as contractual agreements were in place whereby Stafford Creek was required to provide appropriate personal protective equipment like respirators.
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- A significant project involving the removal of two irradiator sources from the J-Wing occurred on Friday and Saturday. Several contractors, government agencies, and UW departments were involved in planning for the last couple of years and because of amazing planning by everyone involved, the project was completed safely and successfully.
 - The Accident Prevention Plan has been updated and the change log has been posted to reflect changes
 - An article was posted in our EH&S News Post section for What to do if an L&I inspector contacts you. EH&S is the UW representative and liaison to Washington State Department of Labor and Industries. EH&S coordinates activities related to an L&I investigation.
 - Regarding battery recycling, a third option for recycling used batteries is through Batteries Plus Bulbs. Batteries Plus Bulbs will pick up used batteries for recycling and disposal.
 - Updating the Managing Lab Chemicals training. The training has been separated out into three modules.
 - Hiring updates:
 - Physical Safety Lead starting on August 22
 - ROS is recruiting for two positions:
 - Lab Safety Specialist

- Research and Occupational Health and Safety Manager
- Campus Preventive Health is recruiting for two Public Health Specialists for the COVID-19/communicable disease response program
- Planning and Administration is recruiting for a temporary Senior Computer Specialist
- Occupational Safety and Health is recruiting for one position, A Fire & Life Safety Specialist. In-person interviews will be taking place soon.”

12. Good of the Order

Carmen asked for anything for the good of the order. No points were raised.

13. Adjourn

Carmen asked for a motion to adjourn. Paula motioned to adjourn. Sarah O’Hara seconded.

Meeting adjourned: 2:03pm

Links/Resources:

- EH&S COVID-19 Response & Prevention, covidehc@uw.edu
- UW Coronavirus Page: <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus>
- EH&S COVID Resources: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-health-and-safety-resources>
- COVID-19 Testing Options: <https://www.washington.edu/coronavirus/testing/>
- EH&S guidance for selecting a PCR vs antigen test: <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/covid-19-prevention-and-response/covid-19-tests>
- Clean and safe storefront: <https://dsf2.creatcom.washington.edu/DSF/SmartStore.aspx?SITEGUID=30c8599e-17ba-458a-8f5a-dffc460c977#!/Storefront>
- <https://www.ehs.washington.edu/monkeypox>
- <https://www.uwmedicine.org/monkeypox>
- MySSP at [Seattle](#), [Tacoma](#), [Bothell](#) campuses
- Husky Health & Well-Being: <https://wellbeing.uw.edu>

University-Wide (U-Wide) Health and Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

September 14, 2022

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Zoom (screen required)

Zoom phone shortcuts to mute self *6, and raise hand *9

Agenda Item	Lead	Process	Time
Attendance/Quorum (13)	Sonia Honeydew	Verify quorum per Zoom gallery count	3 min
Call to Order and Welcome	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	2 min
Approval of Meeting Minutes	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
COVID-19 & Monkeypox Update	Eleanor Wade, EH&S	Presentation	10 min
2021 Workers' Compensation	Ken Nielsen, Claim Services	Presentation	15 min
Charter Update Approval	Sonia Honeydew, EH&S	Discussion	5 min
Organizational Group Reports*	Committee members	Discussion	15 min
Union & Senate Reports	Union & Senate members	Discussion	5 min
Ex Officio Reports	Ex-Officio members	Discussion	10 min
EH&S Updates L&I Update General Updates	Erin McKeown Brandon Kemperman	Discussion	10 min
Good of the Order	Carmen Parisi	Discussion	5 min
Adjourn	Carmen Parisi	Robert's Rules of Order	

*Organizational Group Reports comprise only novel topics covered at their most recent meeting.

Please send ideas for agenda items to Carmen Parisi and Christine Aker at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.