New Metrics web page containing University’s safety dashboards

A new Risk Management and Safety (RMS) Metrics web page has been created for easy access to the University’s safety dashboards in Tableau. Included on the page are eight hyperlinked dashboards with explanations of data contained within each dashboard. The dashboards are categorized into three groups that include Balanced Safety Scorecard Data, Injury and Illness Data and Assessment Data. This data helps in recognizing trends with the purpose of creating a safer work environment. In the future, the page will be updated as new dashboards are created.

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Safety Alerts

Needle Stick Injury - Claude Bernard University, Lyon, France

An accidental injection from a syringe with a residual amount of dichloromethane resulted in necrosis and emergency surgery on the index finger of a student at Claude Bernard University, Lyon, France. Please read “Safety First: A Recent Case of a Dichloromethane Injection Injury” for the complete story.

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Updated Stage, Tent & Canopy Procedure

RMS and Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) have updated the Stage, Tent & Canopy Procedure. One of the primary changes is that the Application Form for Stages, Tents & Canopies has been updated to a Qualtrics form. This tool now provides localized storage of completed forms and allows RMS and NDFD access to the forms. It can be found by clicking here. Additional information on updates to this program can be found by clicking here or by visiting the Stage, Tent and Canopy web page.

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Environmental Corner

The ergonomic design of your workstation is applicable wherever you find yourself working. “Ergonomic Tips for Remote Work” includes exercises and instructions on how to create the best workspace. It can be accessed here or on RMS’s Ergonomics web page.

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Safety History

Lab safety protocols are valuable but when they are not followed dangerous accidents can occur. That’s what happened when Sheri Sangji, a UCLA lab worker, was transferring a syringe of tert-butylithium when the contraption came apart in her hands. She suffered second- and third-degree burns across over 40% of her body which later resulted in her death. For the complete story, read “Burning Negligence.”

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