



EHSO TRAINING

EHSO and Biosafety training will continue transitioning to the University learning management system (OnPoint) through the summer (2017). Given both the duration and scope of this transition, it is understandable if confusion arises surrounding EHSO training. OU Human Resources has a web page that outlines required university training and provides associated web links. Select your campus location accessible via this link: <http://hr.ou.edu/Employees/Career-Development/Required-Training>

Employees will continue receiving periodic emails until all their required training has been successfully completed. While this transition period can be challenging and confusing, it does not alter employee compliance training requirements. Completion of the transition is expected by June 30, 2017. We appreciate your patience as we go through this important transition. **Please watch for important updates and information regarding safety training.**

BIOMEDICAL WASTE

- Biomedical wastes is any kind of waste containing infectious (or potentially infectious) materials. Examples of biomedical waste include discarded blood, contaminated sharps and needles, unwanted microbiological cultures and stocks, human or animal tissue, used bandages and dressings, **discarded gloves**, medical supplies that may have been in contact with blood and body fluids, and laboratory waste that maintains one of the described characteristics.
- Biomedical waste must be properly managed and disposed of in order to protect the environment, general public, healthcare workers, custodians and sanitation workers. Sharps containers must be puncture-resistant. Containers that store biomedical waste (including anything with a biological hazard label or sticker) should never be placed in regular trash regardless of the contents. Any treated biomedical waste should be discarded either in a black/opaque bag or box.
- For more information regarding the University of Oklahoma’s biomedical waste procedures and disposal methods, please review the appropriate Laboratory Safety Manual via the following web links:

OUHSC/OU Tulsa—<https://labman.ouhsc.edu/hbSections.aspx?ID=613>

OU Norman—http://compliance.ouhsc.edu/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=LEKr7ybTk_0%3d&portalid=71.

LABORATORY SAFETY: Top 10 Signs “You Need A New Centrifuge”

- If your rotors have corrosion, rough spots, cracks, or pitting.
- If there are powder deposits on the aluminum rotors.
- If you hear knocking, scraping, or grinding sounds while it’s operating.
- If the compressor is loud and sounds like it is laboring.
- If there seems to be excessive heat coming from the exhaust section.
- If there are unexplained substances/odors, contamination, or hard to remove oily residue on the bottom of the centrifuge.
- If there is a build-up of black dust under the centrifuge, may need to replace carbon brushes, motor should be cleaned and serviced.
- If you make a lot of complicated adjustments to run a SOP, technology might be outdated.
- If you find yourself making several service calls or replacing parts.
- If your centrifuge is older than all of your personnel and none of them can remember when it was purchased.

BIOSAFETY NEWS

As some may have noticed, the latest version of Firefox will not allow you to connect to TOPAZ Elements. The reason being the newest version of Firefox (Firefox 52) does not support Microsoft Silverlight. As of this last release, Firefox no longer supports Silverlight, Java, or Adobe Acrobat. For more information on that subject, you can visit <http://www.digitaltrends.com/web/mozilla-firefox-52-browser-secure-webassembly/>.

Alternative browsers that will work with TOPAZ Elements are Internet Explorer 11 (for PCs) and Safari 10.0.3 (for Macs). As of now, Google Chrome does not support Silverlight, and will not work with TOPAZ Elements.

If you wish to continue using Firefox, Firefox 45 is still available at <https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/organizations/all/> (you will have to select “Firefox 45”, scroll down to your language, and then select your operating system). You will need to un-install your current version and install the older version of Firefox again. If you have any questions, please contact your Tier1 for assistance in doing this.

We hope that one of these solutions will work for you, and apologize for the inconvenience.

OUHSC: Future meeting dates and protocol deadlines can be found here: <http://compliance.ouhsc.edu/ibc/Home/MeetingDates/OUHSC.aspx>.

OU-NORMAN: Please remember to use the [Protocol Resubmission Form](#) when making minor amendments (such as submitting to an alternate funding source) to a protocol approved within the last 3 years. Future meeting dates can be found here: <http://compliance.ouhsc.edu/ibc/Home/MeetingDates/>

