



EHSO TRAINING

Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) is transitioning their training to the learning management system, OnPoint. Hazard Communication/General Safety and Sooner Fire Safety training modules are now completed using OnPoint. If you have received an email pertaining to your training compliance, please log in to OnPoint.ou.edu and review and/or complete your training requirements. Other EHSO training continues to be held on the EHSO training site until further notice.

STORMWATER NEWS

Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Below are some important things to remember in order to responsibly protect the water in our community:

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations
- ◆ Clean up after your pet
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface
- ◆ Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar



LAB SAFETY CORNER

LASER SAFETY

The Environmental Health & Safety Office (EHSO) now manages the laser safety program for all University campus locations. Each University employee that uses lasers while either performing their job tasks or conducting research activities need to complete formalized training. The training provides an overview of the different classes of lasers, a discussion of safe work practices, and details regarding personal protective equipment (PPE) utilized to maintain employee protection. For further information, please contact Dave Clark (325-0820 or david-clark@ou.edu).

BIOSAFETY NEWS

OUHSC: Biosafety protocols are to be submitted via TOPAZ Elements. Elements can be accessed by going to: topaz.ouhsc.edu. Instructions on accessing TOPAZ Elements can be found here: [Accessing Topaz Elements](#). Biosafety protocols created in TOPAZ Enterprise were not transferred over to TOPAZ Elements as the biosafety protocol form has changed significantly. If you need to amend a protocol in order to add protocol associates and/or change a funding agency, please contact IBC@ouhsc.edu and request a limited transfer of the Enterprise protocol for you to amend. If other revisions to your protocol are required you will need to complete the new protocol form.

OU-NORMAN: Biosafety protocols should be submitted using the form found on the OU Norman IBC webpage ([Institutional Biosafety Committee Protocol Form-OU Norman Campus](#).) The [Protocol Resubmission Form](#) should be used when amending a protocol. The original protocol must have been submitted and approved within the last three years. Protocol re-submissions are required if there is a change in funding source or minor modification (e.g.e-change in project location) to the protocol. All IBC protocol are to be submitted to andrea-miller@ouhsc.edu.

Please remember Principal Investigators and all protocol associates on a biosafety protocol must complete the appropriate biosafety training.

[OUHSC Biosafety training](#)

[OU Norman Campus Biosafety training](#)

