Do Your Part to Prevent Fires on Campus

Fire prevention is an extremely important part of a workplace safety program and college campuses are no exception. Universities like UT Arlington rely on fire prevention services in academic, residential and administrative buildings to advance its mission. From education and awareness, fire code reviews, inspections to testing and maintenance of fire protection systems and devices, these activities assist universities in their mission. The week of October 9-15, 2022 marked the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week, commemorating the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. That event resulted in loss of lives, property, and economic growth.

To welcome everyone back to campus resident halls and apartments, EH&S personnel were on hand with flyers highlighting tips on fire prevention. Prohibited items in residence halls include open flames, candles, unapproved electrical appliances, cigarette smoking, etc. Other events to promote fire prevention include fire extinguisher training to Resident Assistants and fire extinguisher demonstrations at the annual National Night Out event with over 300 people practicing with a fire extinguisher. A fire prevention presentation was provided at the Alpha Kappa Delta Phi (AKDPhi) 2022 retreat with participants from other chapters from the University of Texas at Dallas, University of Texas, Baylor University, University of Houston, Oklahoma State University and the University of Oklahoma.

EH&S welcomes every member of the UTA community to do their part to help prevent fires on campus.
EH&S conducts Fire Extinguisher Training

As part of its continuing education about fire safety on campus, EH&S staff members conduct fire extinguisher training for Resident Assistants each semester.
LaWuan Jackson joined EH&S on August 2022 as a Safety Specialist I in our Fire and Life Safety group. He is a native of Austin, TX with a passion for cooking. LaWuan has already proven to be a great asset to EH&S. We wish him great success in his new position.

Joel Box retired on August 1st, 2022 after 28 years of service to UTA. Joel was a Safety Specialist in the EH&S Fire and Life Safety department. Among his many responsibilities during his tenure here, Joel performed numerous room inspections and responded to countless fire alarms. He often joked about college students and their “attempted” cooking skills. Joel was a dedicated and dependable co-worker and he is greatly missed by everyone. Happy Retirement, Joel!

EH&S Welcome New Employee LaWuan Jackson

Joel Box in his early days at UTA (above) and taking his final walk from campus. (left)
Application to Operate Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) at UTA goes Online

Unmanned aerial vehicles (quad copters, remote controlled airplanes, drones, model aircraft, etc.) are widely used today in photography, research, education and for recreation. With the wide use of UAS, the FAA issued guidelines for safe operation. To ensure compliance with FAA guidelines, UTA allows the operation of UAS on UTA property (or non-University Property by UTA employees acting within the course and scope of their employment) in a manner that promotes a safe educational, living and working environment for everyone. Any individual wishing to operate UAS on UTA property must submit an application for review in advance of the use. The application is hosted on the EH&S webpage at https://www.uta.edu/campus-ops/ehs/unmanned%20aircraft/index.php. For questions about the use of UAS at UTA, please contact Environmental Health and Safety office at ehsafety@uta.edu.

Establishing a BSL-2 Laboratory

The UTA Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S) maintains a registry of all laboratories and personnel working with pathogens, toxins, and/or human (or other primate) blood, certain body fluids, and cells/tissues. Please, follow the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the steps needed to establish a Biological Safety Level 2 (BSL-2) laboratory area with appropriate registration, inspection, documentation, trainings, and other requirements while improving safety and ensuring compliance with local, state, and federal regulations. The decision tree will streamline the process.

There is a new Motor Vehicle Record form on the EH&S webpage. Use this link to access the new form when requesting a MVR. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?

EH&S TRAINING COURSES

Online safety training is located on the EH&S training management website: https://uta-ehs.org

- Bloodborne Pathogens for Laboratory Research Personnel
- Bloodborne Pathogens (Non-Research)
- BioSafety Level 2
- On-Site Biohazardous Waste Management
- Vaccinia Virus
- Laser Safety
- Radiation Awareness
- Radiation Producing Machine
- Hazard Communication & Waste Mgmt- Academic
- Hazard Communication & Waste Mgmt- Non-Academic
- Fire Alarm Device
- Back Injury Prevention
- Confined Space Entry Awareness
- Hand & Power Tool Safety
- Hearing Conservation
- Lockout/Tagout
- Respiratory Protection
- Class C Underground Storage Tank
- Defensive Driving Awareness
- 12 & 15 Passenger Van
- Powered Industrial Truck (Forklift)
- Hot Work Safety

Call us at 817-272-2185 to schedule specific trainings not available online:
- Radioactive Materials
- Fire Extinguisher
- Respirator Fit Testing
- Hands On PIT (Forklift)
- The Great Escape with Fire Extinguisher Training
- Evacuation Chair

In person trainings are offered on a bimonthly basis. Click here for the schedule. Please call to sign up for a date.

DRIVING UTA VEHICLES

Defensive Driving Awareness - This online course must be completed every 3 years to remain an authorized driver of UTA vehicles. Additionally, an individual driving record check (MVR) must be updated annually.

12 & 15 Passenger Van Training: Take the online course first. A behind-the-wheel driving test is also required and will be conducted at the EH&S office, 500 Summit Ave. Drivers must have already passed the Defensive Driving Course and have a current approved driving record check (MVR) to attend. Click the link below to schedule a date and time.

EH&S Booking Site for 12 & 15 Passenger Van Training