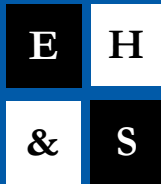


Maverick Safety Matters

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Environmental Health & Safety 5-Year Strategic Plan

Think Broad EH&S Impact | Think Efficiency and Innovation | Collaborate Respectfully | Serve Impactfully

Over the next five years, EH&S will challenge itself to reach new heights through the broad impact EH&S of programs and services, increasing efficiency through innovation, collaborating respectfully, and serving impactfully. By adopting a clear strategy, backed by a mission and vision that aligns with the broader mission and vision of UTA, we hope to drive accountability with clear metrics on various programs and services to underscore the value we bring to the community.

PLAN HIERARCHY



Mission Statement: We exist to TrailBLAZE health, safety, and environmental protection so that UTA can become one of the nation's most impactful and inclusive research universities.

Vision Statement: We aspire to be the leader in health, safety and environmental protection programs and services at pre-eminent urban public research universities.

Shared Values:

- Excellence in customer service
- Cultivate professionalism
- Enhance team collaboration through trust
- Proactively establish accountability

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UTA/EHS Leadership Attend Campus Safety, Health, and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) Conference



John Hall (VP of Administration and Economic Development) and Otu Inyang, DrPH, MBA, CSP, CHMM, CLSO (Director of EHS) attend the 70th Annual CSHEMA Conference in Boston, MA. Mr. Hall was awarded the Campus Leaders Who Care award during the conference.



Otu Inyang and Anthony Murph representing UTA at the CSHEMA conference.



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Fire Alarm Evacuations

Fire alarm evacuations are critical safety procedures designed to swiftly and efficiently evacuate individuals from buildings when a fire or other emergency threatens their well-being. These alarms serve as a vital early warning system, instantly alerting occupants to potential dangers and prompting them to exit the premises promptly. Successful fire alarm evacuations rely on clear communication, well-maintained alarm systems, and familiarity of EHS provided [evacuation plans](#). Ensuring everyone can evacuate safely and swiftly, with evacuation locations away from the building in alarm as determined by department heads, will help to account for all occupants and reduce the risk of injuries and fatalities in emergency situations.



In a fire alarm evacuation, please do not attempt to grab everything. You must exit promptly.



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EH&S Supports UTA Oozeball Event



EH&S staff members Johnny Jewell, Merja Karnoski and Jordan Feder enjoy lunch and lend support for Oozeball.



Elisabeth Rowlett, Amanda Young and Jeffrey Omspaugh also represent EH&S at Oozeball event.



EH&S Administrative Assistant Amanda Young prepares a mud pit for the Oozeball event, along with her husband Matthew who is also a University employee.



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Mutated Coronavirus BA.2.86 - Variant under Monitoring

COVID-19 testing has picked up a new variant called BA.2.86 in several countries. Below is a link to an article detailing the new variant and offering general information about its emergence. EH&S encourages our campus community to stay vigilant against all germs by consistently washing your hands and disinfecting frequently touched items such as door handles, keys and phones. Stay safe Mavericks!

<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-023-02656-9>

EH&S Welcomes New Staff Members



Jared Hughes joins EH&S as a Safety Specialist I. He supports our Fire and Life Safety Program. Jared is a familiar face to us as a former fire safety vendor. He has transitioned smoothly and has already proven to be a great asset to this department. We wish him great success at EH&S. Welcome to our team, Jared!



Johnny Jewell joins EH&S as a Hazardous Waste and Chemical Safety Specialist. Johnny assists with the hazardous waste program at EH&S and also brings knowledge in chemical safety on campus. We're happy to have you, Johnny!



Anthony Murph joins EH&S as the new Assistant Manager of Research and Laboratory Safety. Murph, as he prefers to be called, comes to UTA with previous military and higher education experience. He brings a wealth of knowledge in research and impressive leadership skills. Please join us in welcoming him to our leadership team. Welcome to EH&S, Murph!

EH&S TRAINING COURSES

Online safety training is located on the EH&S training management website: <https://cems.uta.edu/>

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](#) and [Evacuation Chair](#) in person trainings are offered on a bimonthly basis. 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](#)



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