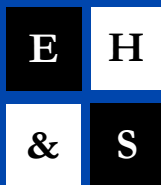


Maverick Safety Matters

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EH&S recently participated in promoting Lab Safety Awareness Week. This awareness week recognizes laboratory health and safety programs and offers information and ideas on how to keep faculty, staff, and students safe. EH&S used this opportunity to interact with UTA students and cast a fresh light on lab safety with fun trivia, EH&S swag and important safety information.



EHS staff members Laura Warren and Amanda Young manned the tables and organized the swag for trivia winners.



EHS staff member Melissa Conklin-Pierce engages with UTA students in lab safety trivia games along with Laura Warren and Amanda Young.

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Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety.



Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS

- A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call **9-1-1**, and stay out.
- A single “chirp” every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call **9-1-1** and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
- CO alarms also have “end of life” sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

Make sure your smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of everyone in your home, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

Some tips:

- ✓ Install a bedside alert device that responds to the sound of the smoke and CO alarms. Use of a low frequency alarm can also wake a sleeping person with mild to severe hearing loss.
- ✓ Sleep with your mobility device, glasses, and phone close to your bed.
- ✓ Keep pathways like hallways lit with night lights and free from clutter to make sure everyone can get out safely.

Hear a Beep, Get On Your Feet!

Get out and stay out! Call 9-1-1 from outside.



Hear a Chirp, Make a Change!

A chirping alarm needs attention. Replace the batteries or the entire unit if it's over 10 years old. If you don't remember how old the unit is, replace it!





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EH&S joined in celebrating Earth Day 2025 on campus. The theme for this year was Our Power, Our Planet. Earth Day is a celebration of our efforts to create a sustainable future.



EH&S staff members interact with UTA students, faculty and staff as they participate in EH&S sponsored games and giveaways during Earth Day. Participants enjoyed free swag, interactive activities, games and giveaways while learning to help create a greener future.



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Heat Safety

As warmer weather approaches, here are a few tips to stay safe in the heat:

Stay Hydrated

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Avoid sugary and caffeinated drinks as they can dehydrate you.
- Carry a water bottle if often.

Seek Shade and Cool Places

- Seek shade during the hottest parts of the day.
- Spend time in air-conditioned spaces when possible.
- Take frequent breaks to cool down.

Dress Appropriately

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting and light colored clothing
- Consider wearing a hat to shield the sun.

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](#)