

# UMS Safety Support Updates, News and Other Topics of Interest January 2017

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## This Month's Topic Reminder – Chemical Inventories

Don't forget that it's nearly time for you to submit your chemical inventories. This inventory is required to be reported annually (due March 1) to specific local and state emergency response agencies. Each campus may have different deadlines to submit the chemical inventories to the campus department responsible for preparing them for the March 1 deadline.

## Handy tool – the OSHA Occupational Chemical Database

OSHA developed (in cooperation with EPA) and maintains a chemical database as a convenient reference for information about chemical which include:

- Physical Properties
- Exposure Guidelines
- NIOSH Pocket Guide, and
- Emergency Response Information, including the DOT Emergency Response Guide.

You can search by the chemical name as well as synonyms commonly used or the CAS #. Also available is a method to view the chemicals with PELs, Carcinogen Designations, Skin Designations, and IDLH Values.

<https://www.osha.gov/chemicaldata/>

## Annual Basic Safety Training

Annual Basic Safety Training was designed to cover all the topics that are mandated by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). It's required by all employees, even if they don't perform a particular task mentioned in the training. Say for instance, an employee that doesn't handle hazardous chemicals skips over the section that covers hazardous chemicals, PPE, shipping, etc. They wouldn't have been adequately trained to understand (awareness level) Safety Data Sheets, labeling requirements, or that fluorescent bulbs are hazardous waste. Training employees to have an awareness level will not only help them to be safer at work, but it's required by OSHA and is the right thing to do.

All university employees can be rest assured that the training was designed so that you, as an employee, can take reasonable precautions (for yourself and others) to avoid conditions that result in foreseeable environmental hazards and injuries.

You may access the [Annual Basic Safety Training on BlackBoard](#). To enroll for this training (if you've not previously taken this training on BlackBoard) please view the [instruction video about logging in and enrolling](#)



## Propping Open Fire Doors

Recently, one of our campus departments underwent a fire safety inspection conducted by the State Fire Marshal's office. In the report, the Fire Marshal noted that door wedges were found at each door that protects the single egress from the upper two levels. He also stated that propping open stairwell doors is not allowed. The department has taken the appropriate corrective actions and removed the door wedges and provided training to all the department employees. Attached to this newsletter is a fire door poster that you may use as a reminder to your staff.

### What Were They Thinking?



*Not a UMS campus work-area image(s)*

- Would you tailgate this pickup truck?
- How will they get under overpasses?
- What do you think will happen when this hoop stand falls over?

### Spot the Safety Violation



*UMS campus work-area image(s)*

*NOTE: When we observe these hazards, we immediately notify the area supervisor or the campus Facilities Management.*

