

LABORATORY & RADIATION SAFETY

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Researchers Planning International Travel

Cornell University sponsors a FREE medical and security assistance program for Cornell employees and students who are planning to travel abroad.

The program is administered by International SOS, the world's largest medical and security assistance company with more than 3000 professionals in 24-hour Alarm Centers, international clinics, and remote-site medical facilities across five continents. Services include medical and security evacuation, repatriation, access to SOS medical centers around the world, email alerts, personal travel locator, emergency records, and prompts about vaccinations and boosters. These services are over and above the business travel insurance employees already receive when traveling for Cornell. The University bears all costs of both programs, with no charge to the employee or student who uses them.

As long as you are on official university business, you are covered by the SOS program; no advance registration is required. You will however need to carry the membership card with you at all times to access the services of International SOS. You can print a membership card directly off the website, where you will also find more detailed information about the program.

To reach the site, go to the Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies - Travel Resources page at <http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/travel/> and click on the international SOS link. The SOS page is a secure site so you will be directed through the Kerberos authentication process. You do not need to remember the membership number for this route, just your netID and password.

In addition to information on the International SOS program, the **Travel Resources page** also includes useful information on:

- CU Travel Policy
- Overseas Security Advisory Council
- Travel Bulletins
- Travel Medical Clinic
- Traveler's Health materials
- And much, much more....

For additional information, point to:
<http://www.einaudi.cornell.edu/travel/>

DOT Citations July 2004

The Federal Aviation Administration recently closed out their inspection of the university's hazardous materials shipping program by assessing a financial penalty of \$9,000. The fees for paying the fine are coming from the units that were cited.

A review of the actions taken by each of the individuals named in the notice of violation found that each individual had made a good faith effort to safely ship the materials. The violations resulted from inexperience and the misinterpretation of what is considered acceptable practice. Failure to provide the inspectors with documentation proving that the shippers were properly trained was the most common violation cited.

Every person who ships hazardous materials on behalf of the University is responsible for maintaining strict compliance with US Department of Transportation regulations. This means that any person who prepares a hazardous material for shipping must be trained, tested, and certified to do so. An individual can attend an EH&S sponsored training session (to be scheduled for September) or use a shipping station.

Shipping stations for hazardous materials are located on the campus and should be used whenever possible. These stations will ship materials for you and will take responsibility for both safety and regulatory compliance. Locations and contact information for shipping stations are provided below.

Individuals who ship hazardous items themselves must be certified by Cornell to do so in advance (failure to do this may expose the individual to personal legal liability). To become certified, contact the Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) using the information provided below.

Shipping Stations & Certification Contacts for Transportation of Hazardous Materials

Radioactive Materials

Shipping Station – EH&S, 125 Humphreys Svc Bldg, 255-5676
Certification Information – Marlene Larson, 255-5676 or mat2@cornell.edu

Hazardous Chemicals

Shipping Station – Olin Stockroom G-75 ST Olin, 255-3356
Certification Information – Michael Lonon, 255-6995
ML107@cornell.edu

Biohazardous Materials

Shipping Station – under development
Certification Information – Dr. Frank Cantone, 254-4888 or fac2@cornell.edu

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RADIATION SAFETY TRAINING

Individuals must receive radiation safety training **prior** to starting work with radioactive materials. This training is required by law. The course is given in two separate presentations; both sessions must be attended. There is a short exam, which can be taken either at the end of the second day, or later at our office during normal business hours. *Prior registration for this course is necessary, as seating is assigned on a first come first served basis.* The next Radiation Safety training programs are scheduled for:

August 18 & 20 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
August 24 & 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

To register please use the online form available on our EH&S Web site, or call the EH&S main desk, at 5-8200. For the online form go to <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu>, select "Training", then select the course under "Class Times & Registration". Please fill in all fields before you submit your registration.

ADVANCED RECORD KEEPER TRAINING

This special radiation safety training is held monthly, on the last Friday of every month. It is geared just for those who perform inventory record-keeping tasks. The survey class, taught by Chris Bell, is from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., and the inventory class, taught by Marlene Larson, is from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. The next classes are scheduled for Friday, July 30 (register by July 23). **Use our website to register or call Agnes Morris at 5-5600.**

CHEMICAL SAFETY TRAINING

The next ***new employee*** laboratory worker OSHA Laboratory Standard training program, "Chemical Safety for Laboratory Workers", will be held in 118 Humphreys Service Building on **Wednesday, August 4, 9 – 11 a.m., followed by the EPA-Chemical Waste Disposal Program from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.**

The next laboratory safety programs for **graduate students** who are working in laboratories will be held: **Wednesday, August 25 from 1 - 3 pm in 135 Emerson**
Friday, August 27 from 1 - 3 pm in 135 Emerson

Using your Cornell NetID, you can register on-line at <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/>. Select Training, then **Register Now in SafetyBase**. You may also register by going to the EH&S home page, select Forms & Documents; then click on On-Line Class Registration. For help please contact Czora Pagsolingan by e-mail at cpp5@cornell.edu or by phone at 254-4693.



Radiation Safety Eagle Awards



We are pleased to recognize the following laboratories for receiving radiation safety awards:

May

A. Bretscher, Molec. Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
T. Fox, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
J. Lis, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
R. MacIntyre, Molec. Biol. & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
B. Tye, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
M. Villa-Garcia, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech
 * **A. Bell**, Animal Science, Morrison Hall
Y. Boisclair, Animal Science, Morrison Hall
W.R. Butler, Animal Science, Morrison Hall
M. Van Amburgh, Animal Science, Morrison Hall
J. Baines, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC

June

G. Aguirre, Baker Institute for Animal Health
D. Antczak, VM Administration, Baker Institute
G. Lust, Baker Institute for Animal Health
V. Meyers-Wallen, Baker Institute for Animal Health
C. Parrish, Baker Institute for Animal Health
R. Dieckmann, Materials Science & Engr., Bard Hall
W. Brown, Molec. Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
L. Kraus, Molecular Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
J. Roberts, Molec. Biology & Genetics, Biotech Bldg.
M. Milgroom, Plant Pathology, Bradfield Hall
M. Wang, Physics, Clark Hall
S. Gan, Plant Molecular Biology, Emerson Hall
S. McCouch, Plant Breeding, Emerson Hall
J. Nasrallah, Plant Biology, Emerson Hall
S. Tanksley, Plant Breeding, Emerson Hall
A. Collmer, Plant Pathology, Plant Science Building
J. Hua, Plant Biology, Plant Science Building
J. Casey, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC
 * **T. Gunn**, Biomedical Sciences, VRT
H. Marquis, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC
D. Russell, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC
K. Schat, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC
M. Scidmore, Microbiology & Immunology, VMC
M. Kotlikoff, VM Administration, VRT
A. Quaroni, Biomedical Sciences, VRT
R. Weiss, Biomedical Sciences, VRT
A. Yen, Biomedical Sciences, VRT

* Winner of Meal Deal from Pizza Hut

Newsletter is on EH&S Website

This Laboratory & Radiation Safety Newsletter from the Department of Environmental Health and Safety is located on our EH&S Website. Just point to <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu>, then select "Chemical & Laboratory Safety", and then "Newsletter", or go directly to <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu/lrs/labSafety/newsletter.htm>

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