

## **EH&S Newsletter**



A New Year Is On The Horizon

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EH&S wants to wish you happy holidays and a very happy new year! We aim to provide you with all the necessary information to help you be prepared. As Benjamin Franklin once said, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail."

## In this Months Newsletter

- 2024, here we come! Let us close the year off strong and set ourselves up for the next year!
- Congratulations to Tom Scicluna, Professor of Sculpture in the College of Communication, Architecture + The Arts, featured in this month's Safety Shoutout!
- Consider nominating someone or a group for EH&S' Safety Shoutout by emailing <u>ehs@fiu.edu</u>!
- EH&S outlines the top five complaint gaps identified in the 2023 Laboratory Self Audit. Keep an eye out for these common failure points. The five failure points involve first aid kits, chemical inventories, EH&S safety trainings, training records, and spill kits.
- Emergency wash unit inspections are coming up! Are you ready? We provide a quick guide to maintaining compliance. The guide discusses keeping the units free of obstructions, reporting any issues promptly, checking for expiration dates on squeeze bottles, and activating plumbed units periodically.
- EH&S conducts laboratory inspections periodically throughout the year. Staying organized and complying with all safety regulations is imperative to ensure a safe working and learning environment. Things to consider include annual visual inspections, updating the EH&S emergency signage, checking room access, and keeping an active inventory of all hazards and equipment (to name a few).
- During periods of lower campus activity, always use the buddy system during operations to stay safe.

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