

# EH&S Newsletter

Spills, Thrills, and Safety Skills



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As Halloween approaches, it's time to unmask real workplace hazards. While ghosts and goblins are imaginary, the dangers of slips, trips, and chemical mishaps are all too real. This month, we're highlighting the importance of staying alert and proactive to keep our campus safe. Join us as we explore avoiding spooky situations and keeping your workspace hazard-free this season!

## In this Months Newsletter

- Check out the EH&S' Monthly Safety Shoutout or consider nominating someone/ a group for an EH&S' Safety Shout by visiting <https://ehs.fiu.edu>.
- Congrats to **Nicole McFarland** for winning the Safety Scavenger Hunt!
- The 2024 Lab Self Audit's deadline is October 31st at 11:50 PM! Visit the LSA webpage for access and more: <https://ehs.fiu.edu/safety-programs/laboratory/index.html#3>

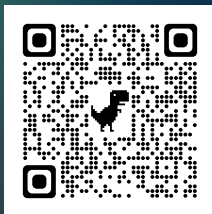


- **Fright-Free Fire Safety; Avoiding Hazards:** Stay vigilant against fire hazards. Avoid hanging decorations on sprinklers, covering glass panels, or obstructing exits. Never use open flames; instead, opt for battery-operated candles. Ensure that electrical outlets aren't overloaded and that frayed cords or faulty devices are replaced. Keep pathways clear and safety equipment accessible.

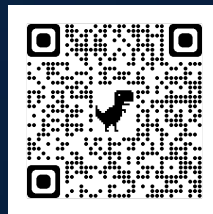


- **Ghosts of Chemicals Past; How To Handle Reactive Chemicals Safely:** Reactive chemicals should be handled with care. It's important to monitor and store reactive chemicals properly Regularly inspect storage areas for leaks, degradation, or changes in appearance. If expired or damaged chemicals are found, contact EH&S for hazardous waste disposal. Be sure your emergency procedures are up to date, and train lab members on how to respond to spills and chemical incidents.
- **Haunting Missteps; Watch Your Step To Dodge Danger:** Slips, Trips, and Falls: Slips and falls can happen at any time. Prevent these incidents by practicing situational awareness. Don't let distractions lead to dangerous accidents—stay focused and report any close calls to EH&S.

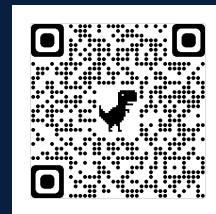
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