

# EH&S Newsletter: June 2026

## Newsletter Highlights

Safety in Action: Ready for What's Ahead .....	1
Introduction .....	1
Heads Up For This Month .....	1
2026 National Safety Month – Celebrate with EH&S! .....	1
Hurricane Season – Are You Ready? .....	2
General Safety Talk 101: It Starts with You .....	2

## Safety in Action: Ready for What's Ahead

### Introduction

June highlights National Safety Month and the start of hurricane season - a timely reminder that safety and preparedness go hand in hand. From reinforcing everyday safety practices in our work and learning areas to ensuring readiness for severe weather, June is an opportunity to pause, reflect, and take proactive steps. Preparedness today can make all the difference tomorrow. We encourage everyone to stay informed, review emergency procedures, and take simple actions that strengthen resilience across our campus. Together, we can build a culture where safety is second nature.

### Heads Up For This Month

- June is National Safety Month – Celebrate with EH&S!
- Hurricane Season is here! Are you ready?
- NEW! EH&S Micro-credential course – Fundamentals of Lab Safety. Student and employee sessions are open! Click <https://ehs.fiu.edu/announcements/index.html> for more information.
- Congratulations to June's Safety Shout Out – Yoli Davalos from the Dept. of Chemistry. Nominate someone for an **EH&S Safety Shout Out** today by visiting <https://ehs.fiu.edu>.

### 2026 National Safety Month – Celebrate with EH&S!

June 2026 marks the 30th anniversary of National Safety Month. National Safety Month is an annual observance established by the National Safety Council (NSC) in 1996. Each year, the NSC emphasizes the importance of safe work practices and proactive measures to prevent accidents. Throughout the month, EH&S invites the FIU community to participate in weekly themes designed to promote awareness, engagement, and continuous improvement in safety practices.

- **Week 1: Moving Safety Forward**
- **Week 2: Stay Safe on the Roads**
- **Week 3: Safety and Mental Health**
- **Week 4: Preventing Slips, Trips, and Falls**

Join us to learn, connect, and contribute to a safer campus environment—while also enjoying opportunities to participate in interactive activities and win prizes. Stay up to date on National Safety Month events and activities by visiting the EH&S Announcements page: <https://ehs.fiu.edu/announcements/index.html>.

## Hurricane Season – Are You Ready?

June 1st is the official start of Hurricane Season. The FIU Department of Emergency Management (DEM) encourages all faculty, staff, and students to take proactive measures to ensure they are ready this season. Below are a few important FAQs to help you stay informed and prepared.

### ***How long is Hurricane Season?***

June 1st to November 30th

### ***What should I do to prepare at home?***

1. Review your personal emergency plan
2. Update your emergency contact information in my.fiu.edu.
3. Understand your storm surge zone: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/emergency/hurricane/storm-surge-zones.page>
4. Assemble or restock your emergency kit
5. Refill medications and backup important documents
6. Check out the Official Emergency Readiness Guide: <https://www.miamidade.gov/hurricane/library/guide-to-hurricane-readiness.pdf>
7. Monitor trusted weather resources

### ***What should I do to prepare at work?***

- Review departmental hurricane procedures
- Speak with supervisors regarding essential personnel expectations
- Save/backup important work files to OneDrive

### ***How can I stay informed during an active hurricane event?***

- Sign up for FIU Alert: <https://dem.fiu.edu/fiu-alert/> – updates will be sent via text and voice calls
- FIU email account
- FIU Homepage and FIU News: <https://news.fiu.edu/>
- FIU social media accounts – Facebook, Instagram, and X
- Local media

### ***Where can I find more information?***

Check the FIU Department of Emergency Management website: <https://dem.fiu.edu/emergencies/hazardous-weather/hurricanes/index.html> for more information and additional resources.

## General Safety Talk 101: It Starts with You

June is National Safety Month. It serves as a reminder that safety is everyone's responsibility. Every job, every task, and every shift should begin with one question: "Am I working safely?"

Implementing and following safety measures significantly reduce the likelihood of accidents and injuries. A safe workplace protects not only you, but your coworkers, customers, and families.

### **Key Safety Reminders**

- Always wear the proper PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).
- Keep work areas clean and free from hazards.
- Use the right tool for the job. Not sure? Contact EH&S.
- Never bypass safety procedures to save time.
- Stay aware of your surroundings at all times.
- Lift properly — bend your knees, not your back.
- Follow all posted signs, warnings, and company safety policies.
- Know where emergency exits, fire extinguishers, and first aid kits are located.
- If you see something unsafe, say something. Use the Safety Reporting Form: <https://ehs.fiu.edu/report/index.html> to notify EH&S.