

## April 2015

WorkCover New South Wales recently engaged UNSW Health and Safety to offer help with compliance with Globally Harmonised System (GHS) of classification of chemicals, scheduled carcinogens and in general to form a close working partnership with UNSW. This collaboration will be of great benefit to UNSW.



### Are you up for the challenge?

UNSW is participating in the [Global Corporate Challenge](#) (GCC). The GCC is the world's largest corporate health initiative where staff engage in a virtual walking tour around the world for 14 weeks (100 days), whilst competing against other teams of staff members at UNSW in a race to the finish line.

The aim of the program is to increase staff's physical activity levels to the recommended 10,000 steps per day.

UNSW Health and Safety will sponsor the first 50 UNSW staff to register. A team of seven is required to join up. Please send the names and email addresses of your team to [ohs@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ohs@unsw.edu.au); for full details see our [news page](#).



### Health and Safety Website

The new Health and Safety website (<http://www.safety.unsw.edu.au>) had some minor teething problems following its release on 1 February. These should now be corrected. Re-directs are temporarily in place for old hyperlinks, but please update any local area hyperlinks to the new site when you can.

Every effort has been made to transfer all old content to the new site, however if you notice a form or other item missing please contact [ohs@unsw.edu.au](mailto:ohs@unsw.edu.au) with the details.



### Training

Induction and training is a key aspect of health and safety. See this [Theme of the Month - Training](#) document for a basic break-down of health, safety and environment training at UNSW.

UNSW Health and Safety offer a number of hazard-specific training courses (see website). In recent years some have been moved across from classroom-based to online courses, this makes completion more convenient for staff and students. This year we will continue the trend by making more courses available online, such as ionising radiation for students, SafeSys and more. In

addition our current online Ergonomics and Health and Safety Awareness will be refreshed.

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## Flu Clinic

The annual influenza clinic has now commenced at UNSW Health Service. Clinic dates are 31 March - 7 May, 9.30am - 1pm. [Register online](#) to make an appointment (for any appointment changes revisit the email confirmation, changes can't be made by UNSW Health Service). If you require further information see [this page](#) or contact the Practice Manager [cheryl.walker@unsw.edu.au](mailto:cheryl.walker@unsw.edu.au).

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## StaySafe@UNSW

StaySafe@UNSW is a new Security app. Download it to your smart phone for direct access to

- Emergency contacts
- Request security escort
- Track the night security bus

The app also features a flashlight, alarm, security tips and a newsfeed. Download the app for free from the [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

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## Cleaning protocol

The UNSW Cleaning procedure for moderate to high risk areas has been revised, please see the updated [HS908 Cleaning Procedure](#). This outlines the expectations of cleaners and responsibility of researchers towards cleaners in workshops and laboratory environments. All cleaners receive awareness training on working in laboratories or workshops however as they do not receive hazard-specific training, UNSW researches must always ensure laboratories or workshops are left in a safe condition and free from contaminants before leaving for the night (in advance of cleaners entering early morning).

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## Biosafety guide

The UNSW Biosafety Procedure and Risk Determine of Human Biological Material are soon to go out for consultation, please see the [UNSW Governance webpage](#).

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## Lessons learnt

A UNSW student received severe lacerations and loss of the tip of a finger while carrying a BBQ. The leg set fell off, the student had difficulties holding the sudden increase in weight resulting in contact that caused the injury. The screws used to hold the legs in place were loose. This highlights the importance of always inspecting equipment prior to use. For detailed information and specific actions to take for BBQs please see the [Safety Alert](#) for this incident.

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