UNCW SUPPORTS WORKPLACE SAFETY

**EH&S Offers Accident Prevention Training Sessions**

UNCW strives to keep the campus community safe, healthy and informed. As part of this effort, UNCW Environmental Health & Safety, in collaboration with the N.C. Office of State Human Resources, is taking part in a workplace safety awareness initiative in June. The “Safety Stand Down” effort encourages faculty and staff to briefly “stand down,” or pause, during their day-to-day activities to identify potential workplace hazards and review strategies to eliminate them. To support the “Safety Stand Down” initiative, EH&S encourages each campus unit to dedicate 10 to 15 minutes during a team meeting to a workplace safety discussion. Evaluate any accidents or near-accidents that have occurred during the past year and determine what the team can do to prevent those situations from recurring.

**“Safety Stand Down” Training Sessions**

To help UNCW faculty and staff enhance and maintain their knowledge about workplace safety best practices, EH&S will offer five training sessions in June. Please see the schedule below for specific dates, times and topics. Registration is not required.

- **Fume Hood Operations** – Understand the function, safe operations and emergency procedures for fume hood operation in laboratories. This 30-minute session will be held on Monday, June 12 at 9 a.m. in Dobo Hall room 203.
- **Special Event Safety** – Learn how to minimize interruptions and make your special event run as smoothly and safely as possible. Topics ranging from tent and stage installation requirements to firework permits will be covered. This 30-minute session will be held on Monday, June 12 at 3 p.m. in McNeill Hall room 1028.
- **Fire Prevention** – Learn what to do in the event of a fire, how to use a fire extinguisher, which common hazards occur on campus and what the Fire Marshal looks for during inspections. This 40-minute session will be held on Tuesday, June 13 at 10 a.m. in McNeill Hall room 1028.
- **Ergonomics** – Learn tips and tricks on how to organize your office or work station to reduce stress and strain on your body. This 30-minute session will be held on Wednesday, June 14 at 10 a.m. in Hoggard Hall room 125.
- **Hazard Communication** – Learn how to determine which chemical hazards may affect your workplace and how to get more information about these chemicals. This 40-minute session will be held on Thursday, June 15 at 11 a.m. in McNeill Hall room 1028.

Contact EH&S at [sykesp@uncw.edu](mailto:sykesp@uncw.edu) or 910.962.3057 for more information or specialized workplace safety training sessions.