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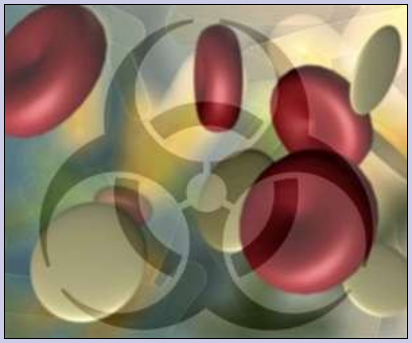
APRIL is National Earthquake Preparedness Month!
Log on to http://www.calema.ca.gov/NewsandMedia/Pages/Current%20News%20and%20Events/Earthquake-Preparedness.aspx for more information.

REPORT SAFETY HAZARDS

VISIT EH&S AT http://www.sbccd.org/District_Faculty_,-a-,_Staff_Information-Forms/Environmental_Health_and_Safety/Forms/

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN Safety



Exposures to blood and other body fluids occur across a wide variety of occupations. Healthcare workers, emergency response and public safety personnel, and other workers can be exposed to blood through needle stick and other sharps injuries, mucous membrane, and skin exposures. The pathogens of primary concern are the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), hepatitis B virus (HBV), and hepatitis C virus (HCV). Workers are urged to take advantage of available engineering controls and work practices to prevent exposure to blood and other body fluids.

You can reduce or eliminate the hazards of occupational exposure to blood borne pathogens by conducting the following:

- Get familiar with the Blood borne Pathogen Plan
- Utilize assigned personal protective equipment
- Log on to Keenan Safe Schools for on line training in Blood borne pathogens at http://sbccd.keenan.safecolleges.com and click on **Blood borne Pathogen Exposure Prevention.**
- Take advantage of vaccinations and be sure to get your vaccinations when you are reminded by Human Resources in you paycheck stub
- Call EH&S at X4070 for additional training resources

For additional information on Blood borne Pathogen programs at your campus or district office location, please contact your Campus/District, Site Safety Officer or District Environmental Health & Safety at:

- SBVC X8958
- CHC X 3383
- District Offices X 4031
- Environmental Health & Safety X 4070
- Or log on to http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/bbp/

SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETINGS — April 2012

- **SBVC**

04/02/12 & 04/16/12, 3PM

- **CHC**

04/09/12, 1PM

- **District-Wide**

04/13/12, 130PM

Call your Site Safety Officer for meeting time and location confirmation at: SBVC X8958, CHC X3383 and District X4070.

Safety Training April 2012

- **Crafton Hills College**

Blood borne Pathogen Safety:
M&O , 04/09/12, 11AM

Blood borne Pathogen Safety:
Custodial, 04/09/12, 5PM

- **San Bernardino Valley College**

Blood borne Pathogen Safety:
M&O , 04/16/12, 1PM

Blood borne Pathogen Safety:
Custodial, 04/20/12, 2PM

San Bernardino Community College District's First Emergency Table Top Exercise

On Wednesday, March 21st the San Bernardino Community College District held it's first emergency table top exercise testing the readiness of the District to respond to a catastrophic event, while applying the draft of the District, Emergency Preparedness Plan. A table top exercise is a simulated interactive exercise that assists in testing the capability of an organization to respond to a simulated event. The exercise tests multiple functions of an organization's operation plan.

The live exercise was conducted simultaneously at San Bernardino Valley College and Crafton Hills College and at the District Offices later in the day and was facilitated by Willdan Homeland Solutions. An earthquake scenario was selected, which covered capabilities such as planning, emergency operations center management, citizen evacuation, emergency public information warning, search & rescue.

The District learned a great deal from these exercises on how to continue to improve our readiness for a catastrophic event that may impact our District. See the below photos of the table top exercises taking place throughout the District.

SBCCD District Offices

San Bernardino Valley College

Crafton Hills College

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New District Emergency Preparedness Link

The District now has a new Emergency Preparedness link, log in and you can see the following new information on the link:

- Emergency Preparedness Program Draft
- Emergency Flip Charts (SBVC/CHC)
- Evacuation of students/staff/faculty with special needs
- Blackboard Connect information on sending an alert, adding or deleting subscribers

For additional information on emergency preparedness contact the District Emergency Preparedness Officer, Acting Police Chief, Lt. Pierre Galvez at X4491 or Environmental Health & Safety at X4070 or log in to the Emergency Preparedness link.

Disaster Preparedness Month Is Here!

April is Disaster Preparedness Month, and the District encourages employee's to plan for emergencies. Statewide preparedness activities will include drop, cover and hold earthquake drills at schools, businesses and homes.

As part of the District's continuing effort to prepare its employee's for a natural disaster or catastrophic event, the following will be conducted at the San Bernardino Valley College, Crafton Hills College and District Office/Annex locations:

- **San Bernardino Valley College will conduct a test of Blackboard Connect and Inform cast on Friday, 04/27.**
- **Crafton Hills College will conduct a Zombie Apocalypse from 0430PM-7PM where Theatre Arts students will dress up as Zombies and distribute emergency preparedness information throughout the campus to incoming/outgoing students, faculty & staff on Wednesday, 04/23.**
- **Crafton Hills College will conduct a test of Blackboard Connect and Inform cast on Friday, 04/27.**
- **District Offices/Annex will conduct a fire evacuation drill at 9AM and will be conducting a test of Blackboard Connect and Inform cast on Friday, 04/27.**
- **For additional preparedness information log on to www.calema.ca.gov/.**

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Chemical Compatibility Concerns in Storage

Chemicals play an important role in many workplace applications. The inherent hazards of chemicals can be reduced by minimizing the quantity of chemicals on hand. However, when chemicals must be in-house, proper storage and handling can reduce or eliminate associated risks.

Proper storage information can usually be obtained from the Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), label or other chemical reference material. As required by CCR Title 8 Section 5194, an MSDS must be on hand for every chemical in the workplace. The MSDS and chemical label can be referred to for information on special storage requirements. The MSDS can also answer questions such as:

- ***Is the chemical flammable or combustible?***
- ***Is the chemical a corrosive?***
- ***Does the chemical need to be stored other than at ambient temperature?***
- ***Is the chemical an oxidizer or reducer?***
- ***Is the chemical light sensitive ?***
- ***Does the chemical require any special handling procedures?***

The District through Environmental Health & Safety provides an abundance of resources for employee's to refer to for chemical information such as the online MSDS/Chemical Inventory and each campus has a Chemical Hygiene Program and Hazardous Communication Program. Click on the below links and get familiar with and take advantage of these valuable resources.

- ***San Bernardino Valley College, Chemical Hygiene Program***
- ***Crafton Hills College, Chemical Hygiene Program***
- ***San Bernardino Valley, Hazardous Communication Program***
- ***Crafton Hills College, Hazardous Communication Program***
- ***Online Chemical Inventory/MSDS Database/KeenanSafeSchoolsMSDS***

New Live Training Now Online

The District now has three new safety training sessions that have been taped and are online for employee's to view at their leisure. Call X 4070 for log in assistance. Log on to the Environmental Health & Safety website at http://www.sbccd.org/District_Faculty_,-a-,_Staff_Information-Forms/Environmental_Health_and_Safety/Safety_Training.aspx and click on **videos** and enter sbccd/your user name and your email network password and view the following live training sessions:

- **Formaldehyde Safety Training with Protech ECS**
- **Active Shooter Training with Willdan Homeland Solutions &**
- **Fire Safety Training with the City of San Bernardino Fire Department**

After you view a training session, fill out a sign in sheet on the website and email it to wfields@sbccd.cc.ca.us or fax it to 909-382-0174 for training credit.