Office of Health & Safety
Safety Training Offerings/Reminders

The following is a list of courses (and their descriptions) that is available for GW staff, faculty, and students via the Office of Health & Safety. These courses are offered throughout the year, and the Office of Health & Safety can present the courses to a unique group upon request also. If you are interested in attending one of these trainings (or have one presented to your group), please contact the Office of Health & Safety at 4-4347, or email us at safety@gwu.edu. Thank you.

Bloodborne Pathogens Safety Training – NEW CLASS NOW AVAILABLE TO ALL STAFF!
This course is particularly recommended for anyone working at GW who will be in contact with blood and/or body fluids of humans or animals during field research and/or laboratory work. However, anyone can attend who would like to learn about Universal Precautions and how to maintain good infection control practices at work. The course also covers a review of engineering controls in place at GW, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) recommendations and a demo, and information about relevant vaccinations available to workers as needed. The next session will be:

Monday, December 1st from 11:00am-12:00am – Phillips Hall, Room #B148D (Foggy Bottom)

General Safety Training
All GW staff are encouraged to take this course annually to complete the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) safety training requirement. Staff members learn how to prepare for emergency situations on campus (and beyond). They learn the difference between an evacuation and a shelter-in-place (and when to perform either action). They also receive fire prevention tips, learn about Health & Safety’s Floor Warden Program, and they get a demo of the AED (Automated External Defibrillator) machine. The next session is:

(All 2014 offerings have occurred! We will begin offering this course again in January 2015!)

Fire Extinguisher Safety Training
In this session an experienced former fire fighter gives everyone a fire prevention overview. Then participants have the opportunity to practice putting out a real fire with a fire extinguisher in a demo. Come, join the fun, and learn about how to stay fire safe at work and at home.

[This course is ONLY delivered during warm weather months, Mar. – Oct., since the demo is outside.]

Floor Warden Safety Training
Designated GW staff members are Floor Wardens, and are a key point of contact for each building on campus during emergencies. In this session they receive additional scenario-based training on how to handle different emergencies and how to work with first responders. Floor Wardens also receive some safety equipment during training. The next session of Floor Warden Training will be:

Tuesday, December 2nd from 2:00pm-4:00pm – Phillips Hall, Room #B148D (Foggy Bottom)
**Floor Warden Tabletop Exercise Training** *(For Floor Wardens ONLY!)*
This course is a third level of emergency preparedness training for Floor Wardens. These exciting training sessions present the Floor Wardens with several emergency scenarios, and educate them on how to calmly respond to each while performing their role as a Floor Warden. The next sessions are: Wednesday, December 3rd from 11:00am-12:30pm – Phillips Hall, Room #B148D (Foggy Bottom)

**CPR/AED Safety Training**
During this course the EMeRG group educate GW staff members on how to save lives. You’ll learn about life-saving breathing techniques and about how to apply chest compressions during a cardiac emergency. The EMeRG Group also tells everyone how to use the many AED (automated external defibrillator) machines around the GW campuses along with the CPR process. Upon passing the CPR examination with at least an 80% score, participants have the opportunity to receive an ASHI – American Safety and Health Institute certification card that is good for at least two years. These classes fill fast! *(All 2014 offerings have occurred! We will begin offering this course again in February 2015!)*

**Crime Prevention & Personal Safety Training**
The Office of Health & Safety and the GW Police Department (GWPD) collaborated to create this course. This course educates all GW staff about how to stay safe on campus and beyond, how to avoid personal dangers in general, and how to respond to an emergency situation involving crime. There is discussion regarding emergency scenarios, and the audience gets to view the "Run, Hide, Fight" video about active shooters (created by Homeland Security). A GWPD Officer/Educator delivers the sessions, and shares his/her safety expertise with the GW community. *(All 2014 offerings have occurred! We will begin offering this course again in February 2015!)*

**Laboratory Safety Training**
All GW employees whose who have exposure to hazardous materials in a laboratory setting on GW campuses should take this course (includes undergraduate and graduate students). This course covers Biosafety, Chemical Hygiene, Disposal of Hazardous Waste, and Fire Safety in a laboratory setting. A review of the different kinds of personal protective equipment (PPE) used in laboratories is provided. Attendees learn about the physical symptoms of exposure, and how to respond to an emergency situation in a laboratory (e.g., a spill, fire, etc.). The next session will be held on:
Monday, December 15th, 2014 from 1:00pm-3:00pm - Ross Hall, Lobby C Lecture Hall (Foggy Bottom)

ANY GW employee can take advantage of these wonderful learning opportunities, but we definitely encourage our Floor Wardens to attend most of the trainings. Please email Naomi Kinney, CPLP (Health & Safety Training Specialist) to register or call at 4-4065. Fliers of each course are available if you’d like to print and post in your work area (email nkinney@gwu.edu). If you’ve already attended some of this training, great, and thank you! We hope to see you soon in safety training! ☺

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