Safety “Kohn” Standard

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Safety Starts with You

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Safety Training throughout the year
With the excitement of the new year behind us, it is time to focus on planning and solidifying our training calendars. Safety training should be an essential aspect in every CALS department. To assist in managing safety training, a calendar has been developed to provide resources for completing essential safety training throughout CALS. The training calendar can be found on the CALS website training page. The first recommended training of the year is Hazardous Communication. Hazard Communication Programs (also known as HazCom) are designed to protect people from injuries and illnesses associated with using hazardous chemicals. Everyone has the right-to-know and understand the hazards and identities of the chemicals they are exposed to.

WINTER DRIVING
Again, the cold month of January brings a range of added risks, and winter driving is one of the areas where accidents can easily happen. Preparedness is key, and it’s important to ensure that you have the right training, resources, and tools available to tackle driving in the winter.

The three P’s of safe winter driving are Prepare, Protect and Prevent, and this is a catchy safety slogan that you can use when covering this safety topic.

Ensure that you have the following in your emergency kit:
• Blankets, gloves and a hat
• Water and snacks
• Emergency flares
• Jumper cables and a tow chain
• A flashlight and batteries
• A snow brush, ice scraper and shovel

January is the deadliest month for carbon monoxide poisoning. It’s so fatal because it often starts without warning, protecting you and your family against it is vital.

Sources of exposure include:
• Portable generators and heaters
• The use of concrete cutting saws and gas-powered equipment
• Welding, floor buffers and gas-powered pumps.

Please take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the information and resources found at https://safety.cals.wisc.edu/