



DEPARTMENT OF
**ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY ON CAMPUS

With the start of the fall semester, it is a good time to remind the Cowboy Family about the importance of fire and life safety on

campus. Whether you are faculty, staff, or a student, everyone can help prevent fires and promote safe learning and work environments in all campus buildings.

FIRE SAFETY

- Cook only in the designated areas with approved appliances.
- Keep cooking areas clean and organized to reduce the chance of a fire.
- The burning of candles on campus is prohibited.
- Do not overload electrical outlets or power strips.
- Do not use extension cords in office spaces; use the appropriate power strip.
- Space heaters are not allowed in campus housing, and a permit is required for their use in office spaces. To acquire a permit and more information on the use of space heaters on campus, visit our [website](#).

LIFE SAFETY

- Know at least two different exit routes from all work and living spaces.
- Never store materials or furniture in hallways. These items can create obstructions in the egress pathways, which could delay someone from finding their way out of the building in case of an emergency.
- Stay up to date on what is going on around campus by signing up for Cowboy Alerts.
- Download the Rave Guardian application, which contains campus safety resources. To find out more information, visit the Rave Guardian [website](#).

For additional information on Fire and Life Safety, please see the links below:

U.S. Fire Administration, Campus Fire Safety [Outreach Materials](#).

For more information, questions, or to report an issue regarding a fire and life safety concern, please contact EHS via phone (405) 744-7241 or email at fls@okstate.edu.

SPCC

Oklahoma State University Stillwater maintains 50 aboveground storage tanks (ASTs). These ASTs fuel several activities around campus such as water treatment, landscaping, and farming. Beyond those 50 tanks, several totes, drums, and other oil containers are maintained. These units are governed by SPCC regulations, which are promulgated under [40 CFR 112](#) (Oil Pollution Prevention). Environmental, Health, and Safety (EHS) maintains an SPCC Plan and works closely with operators to ensure recordkeeping and compliance measures are conducted in accordance with federal standards.

Requirements include:

- Annual training.
- Monthly assessments of SPCC units.
- Annual assessments of SPCC ASTs and totes.
- Drainage records.
- Secondary containment.
- Tank testing.
- Updating the SPCC Plan when minor and major changes occur.

What is the definition of oil according to SPCC regulations? The EPA broadly defines oil products as: “petroleum; fuel oil; sludge; oil refuse; oil mixed with wastes other than dredged spoil; fats, oils or greases of animal, fish, or marine mammal origin; vegetable oils, including oil from seeds, nuts, fruits, or kernels; and other oils and greases, including synthetic oils and mineral oils.”

Compliance with SPCC regulations is important because oil products:

- May be flammable or contain carcinogenic additives.
- Pollute or contaminate waters and land of the state.
- Require remediation efforts if the spill or otherwise escapes containment.

It is imperative for the health of the environment and individuals to prevent oil spills. Prevention is the most effective method regarding spills because it avoids the costs and efforts of cleanup.

Actions to take if there is a spill or leak on campus. For a thorough explanation, follow the procedures on the [EHS website](#). In short:

- From 8am – 5pm (Monday – Friday), contact EHS by calling (405) 744-7241.
- During other timeframes, call dispatch at (405) 744-6523.

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CURRENT EVENTS

Respiratory Protection

1st Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

FM North Building, Room 101C

Registration: email ohsp@okstate.edu

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

2nd Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS

Registration: email chemicalsafety@okstate.edu

Fire Safety w/Hands-On Extinguisher Training

2nd Friday of every month at 9 a.m.

EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS

Registration: email ohsp@okstate.edu

Monthly Employee Training

3rd Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m.

EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS

Registration: email ohsp@okstate.edu

Laboratory Safety and Hazardous Waste Training

4th Tuesday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS

Registration: email ohsp@okstate.edu