



DEPARTMENT OF  
**ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH AND SAFETY**

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# EHS BULLETIN

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## REUSE PROGRAM

In fulfillment of our responsibilities to the university, the Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) department manages a Chemical Reuse Program. The objective of this program is to collect chemicals, glassware, or containers from laboratory

spaces that no longer need them and to redistribute those items that are unopened, unused, or still in good condition to other research spaces that could use them.

During the process of completing a hazardous waste removal, EHS personnel will collect appropriate items available for reuse and offer them to other laboratories at no charge. While the most desirable method of waste minimization is source reduction, reuse is an option that creates cost savings for EHS and the departments involved by deferring the cost of purchasing and disposal.

If you have extra or unneeded chemicals or glassware that are unopened, unused, or in good condition, we encourage you to offer these items to individuals within your department. For the remaining items, please fill out a Chemical and Material Removal Request and submit it via email to [ehs@okstate.edu](mailto:ehs@okstate.edu).

### UNSUITABLE ITEMS INCLUDE:

- Damaged containers.
- Deteriorating or leaking containers.
- Containers in which evidence of a chemical change is apparent.

A current list of reuse items is sent out each month to the reuse contact group. The items listed are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

### FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEE THE LINKS BELOW:

- [Chemical and Material Removal Request.](#)
- [Source Reduction and Reuse website.](#)

**For more information, questions, or to be added to the reuse contact group, call EHS at (405) 744.7241 or email us at [ehs@okstate.edu](mailto:ehs@okstate.edu).**

# EMERGENCY EGRESS

In case of an emergency, it is important to know what path you will take to exit a building. Egress routes are unobstructed paths of travel that are used for building occupants to safely exit a building. These egress paths can get obstructed by poorly placed items and furniture left in hallways or in front of doorways. Other issues that can affect egress are poor lighting, exits that are not clearly marked with lighted exit signs, and obscured visibility.

Everyone should develop an evacuation plan for both their work and living spaces. Developing a plan will reduce the possibility of confusion or panic in emergency situations.

## TIPS TO INCLUDE IN ANY EVACUATION PLAN:

- Come up with multiple egress routes to exit the building.
- In case of low visibility or the loss of electricity, have a plan for how to follow the egress routes in the dark.
- When making your exit, stay low in case of smoke.
- Pull the fire alarm if it has not been activated and notify emergency personnel and building occupants of the emergency.

You should often review and observe the conditions of your planned egress paths.

If you notice items placed in the pathway that can cause an obstruction, lights that are not operating properly, or exit signs that are missing or not lighting up, please report these issues to your building manager or Facilities Management work control at (405) 744-7154.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### Bloodborne Pathogen Training

2nd Tuesday of the month, 9-9:45 a.m. and 2-2:45 p.m.  
EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS  
Required annually for members under OSHA's standard  
Registration: email name to [chemicalsafety@okstate.edu](mailto:chemicalsafety@okstate.edu)

### Respiratory Protection

1st Tuesday of the month, 8:30-9:30 a.m.  
FM North Building, Room 101C  
Required annually for members who wear respiratory protection  
Registration: email name to [ohsp@okstate.edu](mailto:ohsp@okstate.edu)

### Fire Safety w/Hands-On Extinguisher Training

2nd Friday of the month, 9-10 a.m.  
EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS  
Come join us for fire safety education featuring the BullsEye laser training device  
Registration: email name to [ohsp@okstate.edu](mailto:ohsp@okstate.edu)

### Monthly Employee Training

3rd Thursday of the month, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
EHS Conference Room, 003 UHS  
Topics: Hazcom; Fire Safety; Slips, Trips and Falls; Office Safety and Back Safety  
Registration: email name to [ohsp@okstate.edu](mailto:ohsp@okstate.edu)

**For questions or more information on emergency egress, call EHS at (405) 744-7241 or send us an email at [fls@okstate.edu](mailto:fls@okstate.edu).**