**RM/EHS Support Resources**

**Internet Resources:**
- RM/EHS Office Homepage: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs)
- Public Safety Homepage: [www.calstatela.edu/univ/police](http://www.calstatela.edu/univ/police)

**Contacts:**
- Director, RM/EHS: (323) 343-3527
- Chemical Safety Officer: (323) 343-3546
- Occupational Safety Coordinator: (323) 343-3549
- Radiation Safety Officer: (323) 343-3546
- Biological Safety Officer: (323) 343-6359

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Risk Management and Environmental, Health and Safety Office
Ext. 3-3531

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
5151 STATE UNIVERSITY DRIVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90032
In Case of Emergency...

Fire (All Fires MUST Be Reported)
Hazardous Material Incident
Medical Emergency
Police

911 (from any campus phone)

Important Contact Numbers:

Risk Management & Environmental, Health & Safety Office .......... x 3-3531
Public Safety ................................................................. x 3-3700
Facilities Services Work Control ........................................ x 3-3440
Student Health Center ................................................... x 3-3301
Student Affairs ............................................................. x 3-3100
Human Resources Management ........................................ x 3-3694
University Legal Counsel ................................................ x 3-3054
University Eagle Patrol .................................................. x 3-3700
ITS Support Services ...................................................... x 3-2600
Chemical Waste Pick-up/Support ...................................... x 3-6359
University Workers’ Compensation ................................... x 3-3657
Radiation Waste Pick-up/Support ...................................... x 3-3546
Biological Waste Pick-up/Support ..................................... x 3-6359
Title IX Coordinator/Office for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion .. x 3-3040

Or visit the RM/EHS Office Web page at:
www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs

Fire Emergency

In the event of a fire, contact the Department of Public Safety by dialing 9-1-1 immediately and advise the University Police dispatcher of the location and nature of the fire. Sound any available fire alarms. Calmly evacuate the building using the stairwell and take personal belongings with you. Check-in with the evacuation coordinator at the designated evacuation area. If you need assistance and are able, go to the nearest stairwell, ask someone to notify emergency personnel of your evacuation location.

Reporting Offenses to Other Cal State L.A. Offices/
Campus Security Authorities

The University also encourages the reporting of crimes to any campus official such as the Office of Student Affairs staff, Health Center Counselors, Housing Services Directors, Title IX Coordinator, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, or any other campus administrator. Reports may also be given to campus security authorities, University officials with significant responsibility for student and campus activities. Campus security authorities include: the vice president for Student Affairs; Judicial Affairs officer; Equity and Diversity officer; faculty advisors for student organizations; athletic directors and team coaches; Housing director(s) and resident assistants/resident directors; Associated Students, Inc., officers and representatives; Center for Student Development and Programs directors and coordinators; and, director and coordinators of the Cross Cultural Centers. University personnel will assist students in notifying the appropriate law enforcement authorities upon request so an official police report may be taken. Confidential reports can also be given. At a minimum, institutional personnel will notify the University Police of such a report for the inclusion in the annual security report. All reports of sexual violence shall also be directed to the Title IX Coordinator for the campus immediately.

Conclusion

The RM/EHS Office is here to provide the guidance, programs, training and direction to members of the campus community in an effort to fulfill the educational mission of the campus. As a center of higher education, our mission should not only be to address the immediate needs of the institution, but to provide the foundation for students in varying academic arenas to be sensitive to the risk management and environmental health and safety issues associated with their chosen professions and careers. We encourage you take this opportunity to fully review the information presented in this handbook and to follow-up with the RM/EHS Office, your supervisor, and/or your department management.

The resources and personnel presented herein are intended to provide you the tools, understanding, and encouragement in order to institutionalize the safe and healthful learning environment we all expect and have come to know.
Only by being aware, and following best practices can we protect valuable campus resources and mission-critical information from unauthorized access.

**Reporting Emergencies or Crime on Campus**

The University encourages the accurate and prompt reporting of all crimes to the University Police and appropriate law enforcement agencies. Any victim or witness to a crime or emergency situation, or who becomes aware of any problems with the campus environment, should promptly report the incident to the University Police, who are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

To report a criminal, medical, or fire emergency:

- **Call 9-1-1**
  - From a campus phone or campus public phone, you will be connected to the University Police
  - From an off-campus phone, you will be connected with the police jurisdiction from which you are calling
  - From a cellular phone, you will be connected to the California Highway Patrol

- Use the Emergency Phones ("Blue Light," non-dial, outdoor emergency telephones) positioned throughout campus and in parking lots/structures

- **Call University Police:** (323) 343-3700
  - On-campus, call ext.: 3-3700

When reporting a crime or emergency, be prepared to answer the following questions:

- **WHO:** Name, description, address, phone number, faculty or staff member, student, or visitor
- **WHAT:** The circumstances and sequence of events leading up to the incident
- **WHEN:** Time of day
- **WHERE:** Location of the incident
- **HOW:** Describe how the offense was committed
- **WHY:** What was the cause of the incident?

Give clear and accurate information. Be prepared to supply suspect and vehicle description, and the direction of travel. Please do not hang up! Follow the instructions of the police dispatcher.

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**Cal State L.A.’s Commitment to Health and Safety…**

The health and safety of the faculty, staff, students and visitors who comprise Cal State L.A.’s campus community is a top priority. Those who live, work and study on this campus deserve a safe, healthy and welcoming environment to do so. To ensure that these expectations are met, all university operations will be conducted in compliance with federal, state, city and county regulations as they relate to environmental, health and safety standards. A safe learning environment – and a high quality workplace – is critical to the success of Cal State L.A., and everyone who steps foot on our campus.

The office of Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety (RM/EHS) executes Cal State L.A.’s commitment to these standards. This office oversees programs related to personal safety and well-being, environmental stewardship and risk aversion. Additionally, they’re responsible for advising, guiding, and providing the tools to help the university provide an optimal campus experience.

Please be an active part of this effort. Your participation and dedication to a safe and healthy educational environment is critical.

**William A. Covino**

President

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**Risk Management and Environmental Health and Safety’s Mission**

- To support the University’s Strategic Plan and Institutional Mission by providing leadership, guidance and consultation services to avoid and/or minimize injuries and illnesses through the prevention of potential hazards and adverse exposures.
- To institutionalize environmental stewardship in all University activities through planning, development and implementation of sound environmental practices.
- To minimize adverse financial exposure through development and implementation of insurance programs, policies and procedures, surveillance programs, and informational awareness to students, staff and faculty.
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## Workplace Violence

The University prohibits and will take decisive action to eliminate verbal harassment, violent acts, threats of violence, or any other behavior which by intent, action or outcome harms another person. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action, and/or criminal prosecution as appropriate. Disciplinary action is administered in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Education Code. Violations of law will be followed up by the Department of Public Safety / University Police. Any corrective action or disciplinary action must also be consistent with the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. To report abuses or occurrences please contact the Department of Public Safety at ext. 3-3700.

## Information Security Assurance

Securing Levels 1 and 2 confidential information from unauthorized access and assuring its accuracy and integrity is the responsibility of every department and individual on campus. The division of Information Technology Services (ITS) develops information security standards, guidelines and procedures, and implements technologies, such as anti-virus and anti-spyware services, firewalls, authentication to systems, Virtual Private Network (VPN) for secure remote access, ITS Alerts, and more. But, technology alone cannot make our campus secure. Each student, faculty and staff must be the first line of defense against unauthorized access by protecting information in computers, electronic storage devices, file cabinets, desks, printers and copiers. Everyone must be diligent with user IDs and passwords, never leave confidential documents unattended and unsecured, and be aware of social engineering hacker and intruder tactics.

To ensure that confidential information and user accounts are less vulnerable, every member of the campus community should become security savvy:

- Know and adhere to the laws, regulations, CSU Executive Orders, policies, and user guidelines that govern the use, handling and disposal of confidential information and student records. Find links to these on the ITS Guidelines, Standards and Laws webpage: [http://www.calstatela.edu/its/itssecurity/guidelines](http://www.calstatela.edu/its/itssecurity/guidelines).

- Learn how to handle student records by taking the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) tutorial: [http://www.calstatela.edu/ferpa](http://www.calstatela.edu/ferpa). All myCSULA Identity and administrative system accounts require users to complete the FERPA tutorial every two years and file their completion certificates with Human Resources Management.

- Always employ good information security and assurance practices. Learn about these by reading various resources online: [www.calstatela.edu/itssecurity](http://www.calstatela.edu/itssecurity).

- Receive notification of network and system outages, status, planned maintenance, scams and virus alerts by subscribing to ITS Alerts: [http://www.calstatela.edu/its/itsalerts](http://www.calstatela.edu/its/itsalerts).
Student Health and Safety

Employees are counted upon to ensure that student activities meet or exceed established University and/or regulatory requirements. This not only teaches and establishes good work practices, but also provides students with a supportive and safer educational environment. In particular, prior to labs, workshops, field trips, or hazardous/new procedures, faculty and staff should take the appropriate time to review all necessary safety protocol and not assume that students (regardless of their class standing), are familiar with the safe operation of equipment and understanding of the process. Student awareness training is an essential component in achieving a high standard of safety consciousness and understanding. As members of the campus community we all share the direct responsibility for students’ safety and health. Be sure to fully review the emergency preparedness procedures, particular safety considerations of the class (equipment, field trips, in-class behavior, etc…), use of hazardous materials if applicable, and proper conduct in general to reinforce a safe and healthy educational environment.

Student-related injuries should be directed to the Student Health Center, and any injury that occurs when the Student Health Center is closed should be directed to Public Safety, at ext. 3-3700. Any injuries that occur to a student while at an off-site location should be reported immediately to the responsible faculty member, then to RM/EHS at ext. 3-3527, and Public Safety at ext. 3-3700.

Smoking on Campus

There is an absolute no-smoking policy enforced in all state buildings. There is also a restriction from smoking within 25 feet from the entrance and/or air intake to any building. In addition, there are designated non-smoking areas outside of buildings which are posted as such. Anyone observing non-compliance with this University policy is asked to contact the Department of Public Safety at ext. 3-3700. To view the smoking policy, go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/admin/procedures/006.pdf.

Workplace Sexual Harassment/Violence

The University is committed to creating and sustaining an educational and working environment free of sexual violence, dating violence, domestic violence, harassment and stalking. If you experience any of these forms of violence or harassment, you are strongly encouraged to utilize the various on and off campus resources described below. The University will take action to prevent and eliminate sexual violence/harassment, as mandated by the Chancellor’s Office Executive Order Nos. 1095, 1096, 1097 and 1098. Violation of these policies may result in appropriate disciplinary action. Any corrective action or disciplinary action must also be consistent with the terms of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. University policy, state and federal statutes and court decisions define the parameters of “sexual harassment/violence.” Cal State L.A. employees and students are required to conduct themselves in a manner that avoids sexual harassment/violence as defined by policy, state and federal laws.

For more information, contact the University Counsel at ext. 3-3054 and/or the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Officer/Title IX Coordinator at ext.

Rights and Responsibilities

The California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State L.A.) campus community should expect and be able to enjoy a safe and healthy working environment. This is only possible if all members of the community accept responsibility for complying with established procedures and conduct their business in a safe manner for themselves and others. All employees are encouraged to immediately report any hazardous situation to their appropriate administrator and/or RM/EHS Office.

Regulatory Agency Requirements/Visits

Several federal, state, and local regulatory agencies interact with Cal State L.A.. The University RM/EHS Office and/or the Department of Public Safety are designated as campus liaisons for a majority of these regulatory agencies. Regulations promulgated and enforced by these agencies help to promote safety and health standards on campus. If you are contacted or visited by a regulatory official, please direct them to the RM/EHS Office and/or Department of Public Safety for assistance.

Injury and Illness Prevention Program

The California Labor Code and Title 8 of the California Code of Regulations both require the development and enforcement of a safety policy, such as the University Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP). This program can be found by contacting the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531, or by visiting http://calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/chemical-and-laboratory-safety. Scroll to the bottom of the aforementioned web page and review this and other relevant University procedures. The IIPP contains information related to program responsibilities, authorized representatives, safe work practices, safety communication, identification/investigation/correction of workplace hazards, training, and recordkeeping.

Asbestos and Lead Containing Construction Materials

Due to the age of the University infrastructure, it is probable that many buildings contain some asbestos or lead in the construction materials. That material would commonly be found in walls, painted surfaces, ceilings, floors, pipe insulation, fireproofing, roofs, doors, and floor tile/mastic. While not hazardous if left undisturbed, the University closely monitors all construction-related activity to verify that the materials being worked are asbestos and lead-free. If asbestos or lead is identified through area sampling, the material shall be abated by a certified contractor prior to any construction work. It is essential that staff and faculty know not to request any work in offices or classrooms that might cause construction material to be disturbed. Every January a memorandum is distributed to all employees about this and the proper procedures.
Campus Emergency Phones (Emergency and Elevator)
On campus, all phones can connect with Public Safety (Police) at ext. 3-3700, or in the case of an emergency by dialing 9-1-1. However, there are dedicated emergency phones for campus emergencies. These phones are located outside of buildings or inside parking structures and can be easily distinguished by the blue light on top. These dedicated emergency phones automatically dial campus dispatch. Emergency phones in elevators function in the same manner. If there is not a yellow emergency call box nearby, dialing 9-1-1 on any campus phone will connect you to campus police dispatch.

Chemical/Equipment Donation Procedure
The University benefits greatly from the donations of time and resources that help the University achieve its mission. However, strict regulations concerning specific types of materials mean some donations may have to be refused since they may cause storage, handling, and disposal concerns, and/or represent serious safety risks to members of the campus community. Before accepting any such donation, contact the University Advancement Office at ext. 3-3060. Remember, while the donation might appear to be completely safe or coming from a reputable entity, some pieces of equipment and devices potentially could contain a hazardous material or radioactive substance. It is imperative that due diligence be exercised prior to the formal acceptance of any such item.
Additionally, chemicals brought from home for use in office areas or in kitchen areas are discouraged for similar reasons. No donations of any hazardous material can be accepted by the University without RM/EHS Office approval. When an individual’s time is being donated, remember that they are acting as a volunteer for the state of California, and must complete the appropriate documentation from Human Resources Management to be a volunteer.

Construction Safety
The University may have one or more construction projects in progress at any given time. These projects may be as large as building renovation or rebuild, or as small as a room renovation. In either case, there will be clear signage stating where the construction zone begins, and that only authorized personnel will be allowed to enter a marked construction zone. If anyone observes an unsafe condition, or an unauthorized person entering a construction site, please contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531 or 3-3527 during normal working hours, or Public Safety at ext. 3-3700 during off-hours. Any employee who observes something that may be a safety hazard on a construction site or to the University community should report such to the RM/EHS Office or Public Safety.

While some construction activity might involve asbestos or lead-contaminated building materials, these materials will be abated prior to the commencement of any work associated with an area containing such material. Pre-construction sampling is performed to ascertain the existence of asbestos or lead in any suspected building material. Questions related to this practice should be directed to the RM/EHS Office.

To request an SDS, contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531. If a student, visitor or employee is injured by a chemical substance, the appropriate SDS should be made available to responding emergency personnel, and sent to the hospital with the injured person.

General Office/Classroom Safety
Common sense is a good guide to addressing general office safety and any number of conditions in which hazards present themselves. Consider: (1) whether the area is free from tripping hazards such as open drawers, power cords, debris in aisles, or obstructions/impediments; (2) whether the exits and pathways are properly marked and unobstructed; (3) whether power cords are in good condition and wall outlets are covered and utilized properly; (4) whether work areas are maintained in a clean and orderly manner; and (5) whether cabinets and overhead storage are properly secured to the wall and restrained from falling. The University conducts training related to general office safety. For the next training, go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/training.php., or contact ext. 3-3549.

Risk Management
The California State University (CSU) has established a “risk pool” as a method for risk financing of campus losses and a means for campuses to be held accountable for these exposures. The CSU Risk Management Authority (CSURMA) assumes financial responsibility for all campus losses associated with General Liability, Property (State Buildings), Workers’ Compensation, Industrial Disability Leave (IDL), Unemployment Insurance (UI), and Non-Industrial Disability Insurance (NDI). On a quarterly and annual basis, each campus pays a premium for each of the programs mentioned above. Those premiums are adversely affected by increased loss history, and other related factors. The campus carries a general liability deductible of $250,000, meaning that for each occurrence the University must pay the first $250,000 of any loss (non-property), and on the property side the deductible is $100,000. Because campus contributions to the “risk pool” are directly proportional to losses, the campus community must work together toward a continued reduction of risk and exposure. Questions pertaining to campus insurance, claims, and loss history can be directed to the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3527 or 3-3534. For information on campus risk management please go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/riskman.php.

Accidents or injuries on campus should be reported to the Department of Public Safety at ext. 3-3700 as soon as possible. It is always preferred that an officer document every occurrence with an incident report.

To access the University Injury and Illness Prevention Plan (UIPP), please go to http://calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/chemical-and-laboratory-safety.

Authority to sign on behalf of the University is delegated to a few management personnel (including Procurement Buyers with specific monetary authorizations). Employees in general should be aware that they are not authorized to sign a contract, agreement, or any other legally/contractually binding instrument. Questions pertaining to this should be directed to the director of Contracts and Procurement at ext. 3-3488 and/or your department chair/head.
Labels are also a critical component of the Hazard Management Program standard. The information required on a label includes the name of the material, the physical hazard, and the health hazard presented by the material. To view the University Hazard Management Program, go to: http://calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/chemical-and-laboratory-safety and scroll to the bottom of the page.

Hazardous Waste Management
A hazardous waste is defined as a hazardous material that has no expected use or value. Since environmental regulations typically limit hazardous waste storage to 90 days, it is imperative that you contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531 if you generate hazardous waste on campus. There is campus-specific labeling that must be used when accumulating a hazardous waste on site.

Indoor Air Quality
Indoor air quality (IAQ) refers to the environmental conditions within a building or structure. IAQ is influenced by chemical, biological and/or physical agents, and the building’s ventilation system. Most IAQ problems are transient and isolated to individual offices or small areas of a building. Having a complete “sick building” is rare, and would be represented by numerous building occupants from different areas of a building having similar symptoms or medical reactions. For any questions related to IAQ, or if you have concerns regarding the IAQ of your area, please contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3546 or 3-3527.

Injury/Illness Reporting
If you are injured while at work, you are required to report within 24 hours to your appropriate administrator and to Human Resources Management (HRM) at ext. 3-3657. As a resource to you, there is information on the campus workers’ compensation program and the forms required at http://calstatela.edu/hrm. If you wish to pre-designate your own physician for work-related injuries, you must complete the physician pre-designation form located on the aforementioned web page and submit to the workers’ compensation coordinator (ext. 3-3657) prior to the injury/illness. You cannot pre-designate at the time of your injury/illness. The University utilizes the campus Student Health Center for first aid occurrences, and an off-site occupational clinic for further treatment. If your injury occurs after hours, contact the Department of Public Safety at ext. 3-3700.

All employees who observe an injury should assist that individual, and contact Public Safety dispatch at ext. 3-3700 to report a medical emergency.

Safety Data Sheets (SDS)
SDSs provide a ready reference for the physical and hazardous properties of industrial and laboratory chemicals. SDSs are manufacturer specific, and should be readily available to all employees either in hardcopy or through the campus online SDS retrieval system, go to: http://calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/chemical-and-laboratory-safety. When ordering any hazardous material, be sure to request an SDS and retain that document for future reference. The RM/EHS Office maintains a file of hazardous materials that have been procured by the campus.

State Vehicle Driver Program
Any employee wishing to utilize a state vehicle (including an electric cart on campus), or a personal vehicle for state business, must register with the University State Vehicle Driver’s Program. Visit www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/rm_vehprog.php, or contact ext. 3-3534 for assistance. The requirements call for any state employee to complete the University registration form, state form 261 (if driving your personal vehicle), and to attend a defensive driver training class once every four years. These defensive driver training sessions are conducted on campus by a State Department of General Services instructor one day every quarter. This requirement is mandatory for all employees utilizing a personal vehicle for state business.

University Risk Management and Safety Committee
The University Risk Management and Safety Committee provides various constituencies the opportunity to report concerns or address questions related to safety, emergency preparedness, risk management, and environmental issues on campus. The committee consists of representatives from many support functions on campus and the employee represented units, including a faculty representative. The committee meets the first Wednesday of each month, and employees are welcome to attend either individually or through their representative. Contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531, or 3-3527 for information on the next meeting date/time.

In addition to this committee, each campus building has an assigned Building Coordinator/Administrator responsible for the safety issues pertaining to his or her building. This duty is assigned by the President’s Office. Building Coordinators are listed in the campus phone book, RM/EHS website, or by contacting the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3527.

Drug-Free Workplace
The University has a policy (P-001) that prohibits the illegal possession, manufacture, cultivation, distribution, use or sale of any controlled substance as defined in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. Sect. 812) and 21 C.F.R. Part 1308. This policy is strictly enforced, and employees are encouraged to immediately report to their appropriate administrator, any employee suspected of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol during working hours. To view the University policy on this subject, go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/admfin/policies/001.pdf. The University offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to benefit employees at no cost. To access these services, contact Employee/Labor Relations in HRM at extension 3-3654 for a user name and password, then go to: www.caeap.com.

University Emergency Preparedness
The Department of Public Safety takes the lead in disaster preparedness and emergency response, with the RM/EHS Office supporting those efforts on campus. Faculty are responsible to ensure that all students know how and where to evacuate during any declared emergency. Once students safely exit the building, they should know where to assemble and be accounted for prior to leaving the campus.
Faculty are responsible to account for all students in their class and provide the University Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with that information upon request. All employees should consult with their supervisor or department management to understand the proper egress (exiting) procedures and assembly area outside of the building. The University EOC is located in Parking Lot 7, adjacent to the southeast side of Housing. During any emergency or declared event, the EOC is responsible for campus operations including evacuations, hazard communications, damage assessment, rescue operations, personnel assignments, personnel accountability, and employee/student protection, as needed. You may access the University Emergency Action Plan by visiting: www.calstatela.edu/univ/police/emergency.php. Any questions regarding emergency preparedness should be directed to Public Safety at ext. 3-3700.

**Ergonomics in the Workplace**

Properly designing and/or adjusting work environments and tasks is a critical step in helping prevent Cumulative Trauma Disorders (CTDs) or Repetitive Motion Injuries (RMIs). Examples of CTDs and RMIs include carpal tunnel syndrome and tendinitis, as well as back and neck injury. These and other types of injuries can result from forceful or sustained exertions, awkward postures, tasks done with excessive repetitions or duration, exposures to vibrations, temperature extremes, poor lighting or other adverse conditions. As an additional resource, the RM/EHS Office conducts ergonomic training on a monthly basis. A schedule of classes can be found at www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/training.php. Please contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3549 or 3-3527 for assistance.

**Employee/Student Escort Service**

The University offers to all visitors, students and employees (staff and faculty) the Eagle Patrol Escort Service. This service provides a walking escort to and from buildings and to your personal vehicle. You are encouraged to utilize this service, particularly in the evening hours. For more information visit: www.calstatela.edu/univ/police/escort.php, or call ext. 3-3700.

**Field Trip Policy**

Cal State L.A. recognizes academic fieldwork as an integral part of teaching and research-related activities. Accordingly, if necessary, it should be a designated component of the formal coursework. Voluntary field trips that are not a supplement to formal coursework should be discouraged from a liability perspective. It is also strongly recommended that field trips begin and end at the destination of the field trip, thereby disassociating the student travel from being a course requirement. Students should not drive other students as a course requirement. It is better that those arrangements be made independent of the course and thereby not directly linked to the University. Participation in a field trip is limited to enrolled Cal State L.A. students, faculty, staff, and approved volunteer employees.

To view student field trip and international travel guidelines and procedures, go to: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/rm_travel.php. Every faculty member engaging in field trip activity should review and utilize these guidelines and forms (General Release and Student Emergency Contact Info.). Remember to contact your appropriate administrator, or the RM/EHS Office if assistance is required in the preparation and recognition of potential hazards, which is vital to the health and safety of all those attending the field trip.

**International Travel Requirements**

The University has established international travel guidelines to assist employees and/or students with travel overseas. As many of us know, travel overseas by United States citizens can be risky. Therefore, it is imperative that employees traveling on state business review the guidelines at: www.calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/rm_travel.php and apply caution and discretion during travel abroad. In addition to the established guidelines, the University has purchased an international travel insurance program, and to avail yourself of that coverage, contact the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3534 or 3-3527. You will receive a card briefly explaining the benefits of the program and numbers to contact if something were to occur overseas.

**Fire and Life Safety**

The ability of building occupants to avoid injury or death during a fire or other emergency is the primary goal of the fire and life safety standards. Campus policy maintains that prevention, protection, egress, and common sense should be the guide for personnel when identifying hazards. If something appears to though it could contribute to a fire situation, e.g. a frayed power cord, portable heater, open flame, excessive combustibles, or other conditions that prevent egress during an emergency (cluttered corridors, blocked exits, and unsecured cabinets near egress routes) should be considered a hazard. Many times the best way to eliminate such a hazard is to report it immediately to your department management, Facilities Services (at ext. 3-3440), or to the RM/EHS Office at ext. 3-3531. If the condition is observed after normal business hours, please contact Public Safety at ext. 3-3700. The RM/EHS Office does conduct periodic inspections of all buildings on campus and the aforementioned hazards would be identified at that time. But if you observe a condition, do not wait for the next inspection period, REPORT IT PROMPTLY.

**Hazard Communication**

The Hazard Communication Program identifies the components designed to inform employees about chemicals or other material hazards in the workplace. Each department or area is required to maintain access to an inventory of all chemicals or hazardous materials that are used within it’s area. The inventory must be updated at least annually and a copy sent to the RM/EHS Office. The RM/EHS Office assists those departments (specifically in the science buildings and other areas) with electronic bar code inventory of their hazardous substances. Any department interested in the electronic bar code inventory process may contact the campus chemical safety officer at ext. 3-3546. All employees are required to review the safety data sheet (SDS) before working with a new chemical. To assist you in locating an SDS, go to: http://calstatela.edu/univ/ehs/chemical-and-laboratory-safety.