

## A Laboratory Safety Newsletter

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# Laboratory Safety Coordinator



**E**nvironmental Health and Safety (EHS) would like to thank the Laboratory Safety Coordinators (LSC) for the efforts put forth in creating a safe work environment for their colleagues.

Thanks to the Laboratory Safety Coordinator Program, EHS continues to see great improvements in creating a positive relationship with the laboratories. Having opportunities like quarterly meetings to display our services to the LSC helps increase our communication and an overall safety culture. We received great feedback at the discussions.

A large step in achieving a total safety culture begins with quality communication and understanding of the unique research that is conducted throughout BU.

*The BBQ was a huge success thanks to all in attendance and we hope to see you at the next quarterly meeting.*

This successful program has led to the development of many new initiatives, such as the Laboratory Safety Toolkit; ([www.bu.edu/ehs/lsc-toolkit](http://www.bu.edu/ehs/lsc-toolkit)) and the On-line Laboratory Safety Training program; ([www.bu.edu/orctraining](http://www.bu.edu/orctraining)). We hope the Lab Safety Coordinators will continue to work with their Research Safety Specialist and check out the toolkit for LSC meeting archives, updates and suggestions.

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## The Top Five Areas for Improvement in the Laboratory

Based on the Chemical Inspection report

- 1: Expired Laboratory Safety Training:** Federal, state and local regulations, and BU/BMC policy require all persons working in or supervising research labs have Laboratory Safety Training. EHS has improved on the training program. In-person training is available four times each month. The schedule for trainings is located in the "Training Corner" in this newsletter, or on the EHS website at [www.bu.edu/ehs/training](http://www.bu.edu/ehs/training). In addition, lab safety training is now available online. Visit [www.bu.edu/ehs/training](http://www.bu.edu/ehs/training) for more information.
- 2: Chemicals Stored Improperly:** Chemicals must be segregated based on compatibility. For instance flammables, oxidizers, acids and bases should all be separated. All chemicals have different handling and storage requirements and failure to observe the necessary precaution could result in a serious injury. For more information check-out the [chemical segregation and storage guideline](#) (.pdf) on the EHS website.
- 3: Chemical Waste Containers Not Labeled:** Proper hazardous chemical waste management is important to minimize the impact of our work on the environment and to avoid costly and embarrassing penalties. The process begins with determining which of your chemical wastes are "hazardous wastes" and ends with EHS sending them offsite for proper disposal. Any

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## Environmental Health and Safety is delighted to welcome Sharon Rose

**Sharon is the new Associate Director in Research Safety and the Biosafety Officer for Boston University.**

Sharon's expertise consist of the following:

- Expertise in Management Systems
- Six Sigma Certified
- Quality Auditor
- Manufacturing Management Experience
- Experienced in GMP, GLP
- Registered Biosafety Professional

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With the addition of Sharon, Research Safety looks forward to developing programs that will assist the research community.

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