

The 2012 Hazard Communication Standard and New Course Assignments

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration revised the Hazard Communication standard in 2012 to improve employee recognition and understanding of chemical hazards in the workplace. In response to this change, the University of Alabama at Birmingham Department of Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) has updated training to comply with the new requirements.

UAB Medicine Employees

As part of the University of Alabama at Birmingham Hazard Communication program and The Joint Commission requirements, employees who work for UAB Medicine (UAB Hospital, UAHSF (including physicians), and Callahan Eye Hospital) will be assigned the following online course 2013 Hazard Communication Update- OHS_HS200H. This course is for healthcare employees only.

UAB Campus Employees (Non-UAB Medicine)

On the campus side employees, who have previously taken an OH&S training courses associated with laboratory health and safety in the last five years, receive the assignment for the Hazard Communication Course OHS_HS200. This course is designed for non-healthcare employees (working on Campus).

Dual Role Employees

Those employees with two roles (UAB Medicine/Campus) could receive two assignments. Please take the UAB Medicine Course (2013 Hazard Communication Update- OHS_HS200H). If you have two roles and are assigned two courses, complete the OHS_HS200H course, and then e-mail Fredia Fuller Dillard (eteacher@uab.edu) for removal from the campus course.

Date of Assignment and Expected Completion Date

This assignment will take place October 21, 2013 through the Faculty and Staff Learning System. You **must** complete the assigned course by **December 1, 2013** to comply with OSHA regulations. NOTE: Every effort was made to avoid two assignments.

Exemptions

If you have successfully completed the Hazard Communication OHS_HS200 course since August 15, 2013, you will not have to repeat the course regardless of your assignment.

How do I know if I have to take the Hazard Communication Course?

You do not have to take the Hazard Communication Course if the only chemical exposure you have is to common, consumer products such as white out or chlorine bleach and such products are being used in the manner and quantity described in the label directions. If large quantities are being used or the products are being used in a way that increases your exposure potential you need to take the training. If you have any questions, please contact OH&S at (205) 934-2487. Note: there will be no exemptions for UAB Medicine Employees.

Those who have not been assigned training but who work with hazardous chemicals or in areas where hazardous chemicals are used, **OR** who wish to take training may self-register through the Faculty and Staff Learning System <http://www.uab.edu/learningsystem/>.

Contacts for Information

Campus Assignments or Content – Hazard Communication OHS_HS200

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Technical Issues for the Campus Side

- AskIT at 996-5555 or AskIT@uab.edu.
 - You **MUST** be using Internet Explorer 7.0 or higher for the campus version
 - Do not block pop-ups.
 - Have your BlazerID ready.

UAB Medicine Assignments or Content – 2013 Hazard Communication Update-OHS_HS200H

- UAB Hospital Employee - email healthstreamuh@uabmc.edu
- UAHSF Employees - email hsftraining@uabmc.edu
- Callahan Eye Hospital Employees - email mgarner@uabmc.edu

Technical Issues for UAB Medicine

- 934-8888 or helpdesk@uabmc.edu
- Have your BlazerID ready.
- Adobe Reader (should be available on your computer)