EHS Quick Contacts

The following list should help you find appropriate contacts, or more information, on a wide variety of health and safety related topics. If you are still uncertain about whom to contact please call the EHS general office – 204-474-6633.

Air Quality

Poor air quality can affect the comfort of staff and students in University facilities. EHS staff can perform indoor air quality investigations to assess comfort factors such as temperature and humidity, and assess the effectiveness of the ventilation system.

Contacts

Caroline Gebel  
204-474-9050  
caroline.gebel@umanitoba.ca

Fred Reyes  
204-474-7970  
frederick.reyes@umanitoba.ca

Animal Care Issues

The Animal Care Occupational Health Program is intended to serve animal care workers, researchers and technicians. Program delivery is accomplished through protocol review, teaching and annual inspection of animal use labs and facilities.

Contacts

Steven Cole  
204-789-3675  
steven.cole@umanitoba.ca

For more information:  
https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/bio_safety/AnimalCare.html

Asbestos

The University of Manitoba has an adopted Asbestos Management Program (AMP) to ensure that asbestos containing materials are dealt with safely in University facilities. Please contact Physical Plant for more information.

Contacts

Physical Plant  
204-474-6281
**Biological Safety**

The Environmental Health and Safety Office administers a biological safety program under the direction of the Biological Safety Advisory Committee (BSAC). This program provides resources and guidance for the compliant, safe and responsible use of biological materials at the University.

**Contacts**

Steven Cole  
204-789-3675  
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Vanessa Pinto  
204-789-3477  
vanessa.pinto@umanitoba.ca

For more information: [https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/bio_safety/index.html](https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/bio_safety/index.html)

**Chemical safety**

Chemical Safety Program provides information for the recognition, evaluation, and control of hazards associated with the use of chemicals. This program provides guidance for safe handling, storage, and use of these chemicals.

**Contacts**

Fort Garry Campus  
Fred Reyes  
204-474-7970  
frederick.reyes@umanitoba.ca  

Bannatyne Campus  
William Grierson  
204-789-3613  
william.grierson@umanitoba.ca

For more information: [https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/chemical_safety/index.html](https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/chemical_safety/index.html)

**Chemical spills (minor)**

The University has established guidelines to assist staff and students in reacting to chemical spills on campus. Major spills should always result in a call to emergency responders (555 on any University phone or 911 on a cell phone). EHS provides consultation and training on the clean-up of minor chemical spills in labs.

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Bannatyne Campus  
William Grierson  
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william.grierson@umanitoba.ca

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**Contractor Safety**

Contractors and self-employed workers, especially construction, are required to work in a manner that ensures their work activities do not create a risk to the safety and health of the University’s students, faculty, staff, or visitors. Report concerns to Physical Plant.

**Contacts**

*Physical Plant*  
204-272-1634 or [facilities.safety@umanitoba.ca](mailto:facilities.safety@umanitoba.ca)

**Ergonomic Assessments**

Some of the tasks we perform at work—such as lifting, reaching, and repeating the same movements—can strain our bodies. In some situations, these tasks can result in an injury to the neck, shoulders, arms, wrists, legs, and back. The goal of this program is to assist workers to identify, evaluate and control issues related to task and work station design. This includes assessing workers' work habits as well as their equipment.

**Contact**

Judy Shields  
204-474-6438  
[judy.shields@umanitoba.ca](mailto:judy.shields@umanitoba.ca)

For more information: [https://www.safemanitoba.com/topics/Pages/Ergonomics.aspx](https://www.safemanitoba.com/topics/Pages/Ergonomics.aspx)

**Emergencies**

EHS staff cannot provide emergency response services to the University. In the event of an emergency always call 911 – City of Winnipeg emergency services. You can also reach emergency responder by calling Security Services.

**Contacts**

City of Winnipeg  
Emergency Services  
911 on any phone  

U of M  
Security Services  
555 on any University phone  
Use any emergency call box  
#555 from MTS or Rogers wireless
Fire and Life Safety

This program assists University staff in recognizing and dealing with fire safety and Fire Code compliance issues. The program includes Fire Warden training, assisting in the development of building evacuation plans, fire extinguisher training, and fire safety inspections.

Contact

Caroline Gebel  
204-474-9050  
caroline.gebel@umanitoba.ca

John Dodd  
204-474-9083  
john.dodd@umanitoba.ca

For more information:  

First Aid

EHS offers training to workers willing to become designated first aiders in their work areas. The course is provided by Red Cross and is valid for 3 years. Each department is asked to recruit potential designated first aiders for their own area and to provide a stocked first aid kit.

Contacts

Program  
Judy Shields  
204-474-6438  
judy.shields@umanitoba.ca

Registration  
Darrin Jolicoeur  
204-474-6633  
darrin.jolicoeur@umanitoba.ca

Hazardous Waste

The Hazardous Waste Management Program facilitates the safe and responsible management of hazardous waste from University facilities. Removal of most hazardous wastes is available to University departments at no charge. Pick up of hazardous waste is initiated by filling out a Hazardous Waste Removal Form and sending it to EHS. Pick up is normally within two weeks for small quantities.

Contacts

Chemical and Biological Materials  
Fred Reyes  
204-474-7970  
frederick.reyes@umanitoba.ca

Radioactive Materials  
William Grierson  
204-789-3613  
william.grierson@umanitoba.ca

Biological Materials  
Steven Cole  
204-789-3675  
steven.cole@umanitoba.ca

For more information:  
**Immunization**

An immunization program protocol has been developed for laboratories and animal care facilities. A post exposure treatment protocol for exposure to human blood/body fluids has also been developed and posted for both Ft Garry and Bannatyne Campuses

**Contact**

Judy Shields  
204-474-6438  
judy.shields@umanitoba.ca

**For more information:**  

**Injuries or Illness**

Get the information that you will need if you have been injured or become ill as a result of workplace activities. For supervisors, get the resources that you will need to investigate incidents and respond to them.

**Contacts**

*Accident investigation*  
John Dodd  
204-474-9083  
john.dodd@umanitoba.ca

*Workers Compensation*  
Judy Shields  
204-474-6438  
judy.shields@umanitoba.ca

**For more information:**  

**Laboratory Renovation and Construction**

The University has adopted a procedure to ensure that new or renovated laboratories comply with all regulatory and funder requirements. This process requires input from the individuals requesting the work and provides designers with a set of minimal requirements to be incorporated into designs.

**Contact**

John Dodd  
204-474-9083  
john.dodd@umanitoba.ca

**For more information:**  
https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/geninfo/cps.html
Laser Safety

This program assists laser users in complying with the requirements of ANSI Standard Z136.1 Safe Use of Lasers which has been adopted under Manitoba legislation. The program includes registration of class 3B and 4 lasers enclosed in devices or laser light shows.

Contacts

Alison Yarmill  
204-789-3654  
alison.yarmill@umanitoba.ca

William Grierson  
204-789-3613  
william.grierson@umanitoba.ca

For more Information: https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/rad_safety/lasers.html

Mould

Under certain conditions mould can pose a health hazard. If your work area has undergone a water intrusion event please contact Physical Plant immediately to have the water source removed. EHS can answer concerns regarding exposures and potential health effects of mould and can provide exposure assessments, and recommendations for control measures.

Contacts

Caroline Gebel  
204-474-9050  
caroline.gebel@umanitoba.ca

Fred Reyes  
204-474-7970  
frederick.reyes@umanitoba.ca

For more information: https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/hazardous_waste/mould.html

Noise

This program assists the University in complying with Provincial requirements to control noise exposures. EHS staff can answer concerns regarding exposures and potential health effects, provide exposure assessments, and provide recommendations for control measures.

Contacts

Workplace evaluation  
Caroline Gebel  
204-474-9050  
caroline.gebel@umanitoba.ca

Medical surveillance  
Judy Shields  
204-474-6438  
judy.shields@umanitoba.ca

For more information: https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/occhyg/4478.htm
Radiation Safety / Radioisotopes / Radioactive materials (nuclear substances, radiation devices)

Get answers to questions related to compliance with CNSC (Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission) regulations and the UM Internal Radioisotope Permits. This includes information on radioactive waste, radioactive contamination monitoring, radiation dose measurements, assessing and reporting incidents, reviewing designs for new or renovated spaces, training related to radioactive materials, and transport incidents involving radioactive materials.

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Respiratory Protection

Workers, who are required to wear a respirator for duties as assigned, are required to fill out a medical surveillance form and to be assessed by the Occupational Health Coordinator prior to having the required fit test.

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Safety and Health Committees (LASH Committees)

Provincial legislation requires workplaces to establish health and safety committees. EHS supports safety and health committees by providing training and technical support.

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Safety – General Questions

EHS staff can provide clarification, interpretation, and advice on general safety and health matters including legislative compliance, workplace inspections, accident investigations, and other safety topics.

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Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

EHS can provide consultation on the transportation of dangerous goods being shipped from the University. We also provide certification training for both air and ground transport to University staff. For radioactive materials please see the Radioisotope section above.

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WHMIS/GHS

This program provides support to Departments and Faculties to achieve regulatory compliance under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) legislation. Assists WHMIS Coordinators with the establishment departmental WHMIS Programs which would include: training with competency testing, maintaining records, and implementing a: chemical inventory system, MSDS system, and WHMIS compliant labeling system for any chemicals used in the workplace.

Contact

Fred Reyes
204-474-7970
frederick.reyes@umanitoba.ca

For more information:
https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/chemical_safety/WHMISProgram.html
**X-ray Safety/ Radiation Emitting Devices (X-ray equipment)**

EHS staff can respond to questions related to compliance with the Manitoba X-ray Safety Regulation and the UM Internal X-ray Permit for research use of X-ray equipment devices. This program includes all use of X-ray equipment on campus including contractors performing X-ray analysis on welds.

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William Grierson  
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For more information: [https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/rad_safety/reds.html](https://umanitoba.ca/admin/vp_admin/risk_management/ehso/rad_safety/reds.html)