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Below are a few updates following the SoMS Health and Safety Consultation Committee earlier this month. You can find the meeting minutes here.

Immunisations

Staff and students who require immunisation as part of their work in SoMS can claim the cost of the immunisation from the Schools budget. To determine whether you need immunisation complete the Immunisation Questionnaire, the SoMS Immunisation Protocol can be found here.

Internal transport

Please ensure that all dangerous goods are transported safely, according to the SoMS Internal Transport Protocol, found here. Use the plastic Eskys provided and zip-lock plastic bags for use inside the Esky are available from the Research Support Officers or room G13.

Liquid Nitrogen Room (LG09) access

The protocol for gaining access to LG09 can be found here. Supervisors must induct workers to the area and workers must sign the local area’s SWP in order to get swipe-card access. Please remember to keep the door open when you are working inside LG09 to maintain adequate ventilation. Guidance on working with liquid nitrogen can be found here.

Laboratory decommissioning

The 3rd floor north laboratories have now been decommissioned and taken over by Lend Lease. It was found during the process that some chemicals were not labelled and in damaged containers. Disposing of chemicals as “unknown” is considerably more expensive. Please ensure that all your chemicals are labelled now, to avoid any future problems when moving to the new building.
Supervisor training

There is health and safety for laboratory supervisors training on Thursday 14th June 9am-1pm in Lowy 4th floor seminar space. Information on the course can be found here. To register for this course go to MyUNSW.

Keep an eye on the SoMS Health and Safety Home Page for regular news updates.