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**1. Did you know?**

The UNL Emergency Planning and Preparedness web site offers you an opportunity to tap into a campus-wide notification network? **UNL Alert** enables you to get emergency messages delivered to you: cell phone (text and voice), landline phone, PDA, two-way radio, and/or e-mail. Redundant, overlapping and consistent communication is an important component of any emergency plan. UNL Alert is designed to help facilitate early notification during emergencies. Sending the same messages using multiple modes and methods helps assure that those affected have access to warning messages and alerts to help keep them safe.

Take this important step and start developing a 'survivor mindset,' the key to reacting with purpose, quickly and effectively when an emergency situation arises. Sign up for **UNL Alert** today.

UNL Alert <http://emergency.unl.edu/unlalert.shtml>

**2. "Shot's Fired On Campus" video**

UNL is presenting *The Center for Personal Protection and Safety's* instructional video and training program designed to empower students, faculty and staff with knowledge and strategies for preventing and surviving an "active shooter" situation. **"Shots Fired On Campus"** provides critical guidance on how to recognize and survive an active shooter.

**"Shots Fired On Campus"** is presented in ten parts. The entire program can be reviewed in less than 30 minutes, 30 minutes which will help you develop a "survivor mindset." Your greatest weapon in an active shooter situation is a "survivor mindset." The presentation emphasizes awareness and trusting your intuition, knowing without knowing exactly why you know. In addition, the presentation gives very specific steps to take to ensure your safety and the safety of those around you. A "survivor mindset" will also help you survive in other emergency situations that may arise. Invest 30 minutes of your time in what may be the most important 30 minutes of your life.

Emergency Planning & Preparedness: "Shots Fired On Campus" video can be seen here:  
<http://emergency.unl.edu/shotsfired/>

**3. Chancellor's University Safety Committee (CUSC)**

The CUSC was established through Board of Regents policy and Nebraska regulation as the UNL safety committee and meets quarterly, with dates listed on the UNL calendar. The overall charge of the committee is to advise UNL administration on methods and means of minimizing safety and health hazards at UNL to the extent feasible. In pursuit of this goal, the committee is charged with the following:

- Adopting an effective written injury prevention program;
- Reviewing occupational injuries and/or illnesses for the purpose of formulating recommendations regarding future prevention;
- Reviewing or conducting work-site safety inspections for the purpose of formulating recommendations on accident prevention;
- Reviewing reports of safety and health concerns expressed by the general campus population for the purpose of formulating recommendations on hazard abatement;
- Enhancing awareness of campus safety programs, identifying best practices, and encouraging the sharing of information throughout the campus community.

The CUSC has open faculty & staff positions. Faculty and staff committee members are randomly selected from pools of volunteers, with individual pools created to ensure a cross-section of the University community. Are you interested in serving a two-year term on this committee? Contact the CUSC President, Chris Cary (ccary2@unl.edu) for more information.

CUSC general information and previous meeting minutes can be found online at:  
<http://ehs.unl.edu/committees/#cusc>

#### 4. Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Maintenance

AEDs are small, portable devices that can be used to treat heart attack victims. Because of their simple design and ease of operation, they can be safely used by members of the general public and thus are appearing in more locations around campus and around the community. Since the result of AED use can seem 'magical,' it is easy to forget that an AED is a machine.

Has your department purchased and installed AEDs? At UNL, individual departments are also responsible for **maintaining** AEDs. If a department elects to purchase AEDs they must ensure that an on-going maintenance program is established, implemented, and funded.

Here are a few highlights of AED maintenance (not comprehensive):

- Check the status indicator daily.
- Monthly restock any used electrode pads, replace the batteries, PC cards and kit gloves. The unused supplies must be checked so as to be intact and within the expiration dates. The batteries must be replaced and a battery insertion test (BIT) must be carried out before putting the AED back in use - this is a key factor in AED maintenance procedures.
- Periodically make sure that the cover has no fissures or loose components and all the cables of the device are without fissures, cuts or broken wires.
- Routinely clean and disinfect the exterior and the connector. A cleaning of the whole AED unit may be done, referring to the User's Guide to find a suitable cleaning agent.

Resources:

Automatic External Defibrillators Safe Operating Procedure <http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-AED.pdf>

Automatic External Defibrillator Maintenance Checklist

[http://www.quickmedical.com/pdf/zoll/aed\\_maintenance\\_checklist.pdf](http://www.quickmedical.com/pdf/zoll/aed_maintenance_checklist.pdf)

Automatic External Defibrillator Maintenance Tips

<http://ezinearticles.com/?AED-Maintenance-Tips&id=614528>

#### 5. New and Revised Safe Operating Procedures (SOPs)

EHS has revised SOPs on the EHS website, including:

Shipping Infectious Substances With Or Without Dry Ice

[http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship\\_infectious\\_substances.pdf](http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship_infectious_substances.pdf)

Shipping Biological Substances [http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship\\_biological\\_substances.pdf](http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship_biological_substances.pdf)

Shipping Items With Dry Ice That Are Not Otherwise Dangerous  
[http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship\\_nondanger\\_dry\\_ice.pdf](http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship_nondanger_dry_ice.pdf)  
Packaging and Shipping Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods  
[http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship\\_hazmat\\_dangerousgoods.pdf](http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/s-ship_hazmat_dangerousgoods.pdf)

Additional SOPs relevant to various hazards and tasks are available on the EHS website at  
<http://ehs.unl.edu/sop/>

**Remember...SAFETY IS AN ATTITUDE!**

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