

# FLASHPOINT

## RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY

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### WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

It is with great excitement that Risk Management and Safety (RMS) brings you our new lab safety newsletter, Flashpoint. RMS recognizes communication is fundamental to a successful laboratory safety program. Flashpoint is a bi-monthly communication designed to keep you updated on vital safety-related information. This newsletter provides laboratory safety best practice ideas, safety alerts (lessons learned) from ND laboratories and incidents external to ND, a lab safety kudos section, and much more. We encourage you to participate in our trivia contest for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be highlighted in upcoming issues. Thank you for taking the time to review our newsletter and we welcome your feedback at [riskman@nd.edu](mailto:riskman@nd.edu).

### NEW RISK MANAGEMENT & SAFETY WEBSITE ~ COMING SOON!

Risk Management & Safety is excited to announce that we will be launching our new website in two weeks! This new website is designed to provide a user-friendly location to find information and resources related to environmental health & safety, risk management & insurance, training and worker's compensation at the University. Check back soon at [riskmanagement.nd.edu](http://riskmanagement.nd.edu) to see the finished product!

### BEST PRACTICE IDEAS

**Group PPE Pizza Jar:** Each time a coworker is seen working in the lab without the appropriate PPE, he/she has to put \$1 in the PPE jar. (To discourage pilfering, this can be in the form of IOU slips of paper.) Proceeds can be used to fund pizza for the group.

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### SAFETY ALERTS

#### At Notre Dame:

On May 31, 2016, a chemical fire occurred in a laboratory hood when an employee was disposing of 1-3 grams of what was believed to be quenched sodium borohydride from a round bottom flask into a solid waste container. The sodium borohydride reacted with acidic material in the waste container. A fire extinguisher was used to extinguish the burning material. There were no injuries as a result of this fire. See [Safety Alert - Chemical Fire](#) for more information.

#### At Other Universities:

On March 16, 2016, an explosion at the University of Hawaii (UH), Manoa, maimed a researcher. For more information, see [University of Hawaii-Manoa Explosion Safety Brief - August 2016](#).

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### SAFE LAB KUDOS

The following labs have scored 100% on their joint assessments for 2015-2016.

College of Engineering:	College of Science:	ND Research:
Paul Bohn	Laurie Littlepage	Keck Center
Liz Kerr	Robert Schultz	Harper Tissue Bank
Tracy Kijewski-Correa	Hope Hollecher	
Ashley Thrall	Prashant Kamat	
Patrick Fay		
Alan Seabaugh		
Mark Wistey		
Greg Snider		

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## TRIVIA CONTEST

What is the definition of "flashpoint"?

Hint: Check out the new Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) at the [RMS website](#).

A drawing will be made from all the correct responses sent to [riskman@nd.edu](mailto:riskman@nd.edu) by September 22, 2016. A prize will be awarded and the winner will be announced in our next issue.

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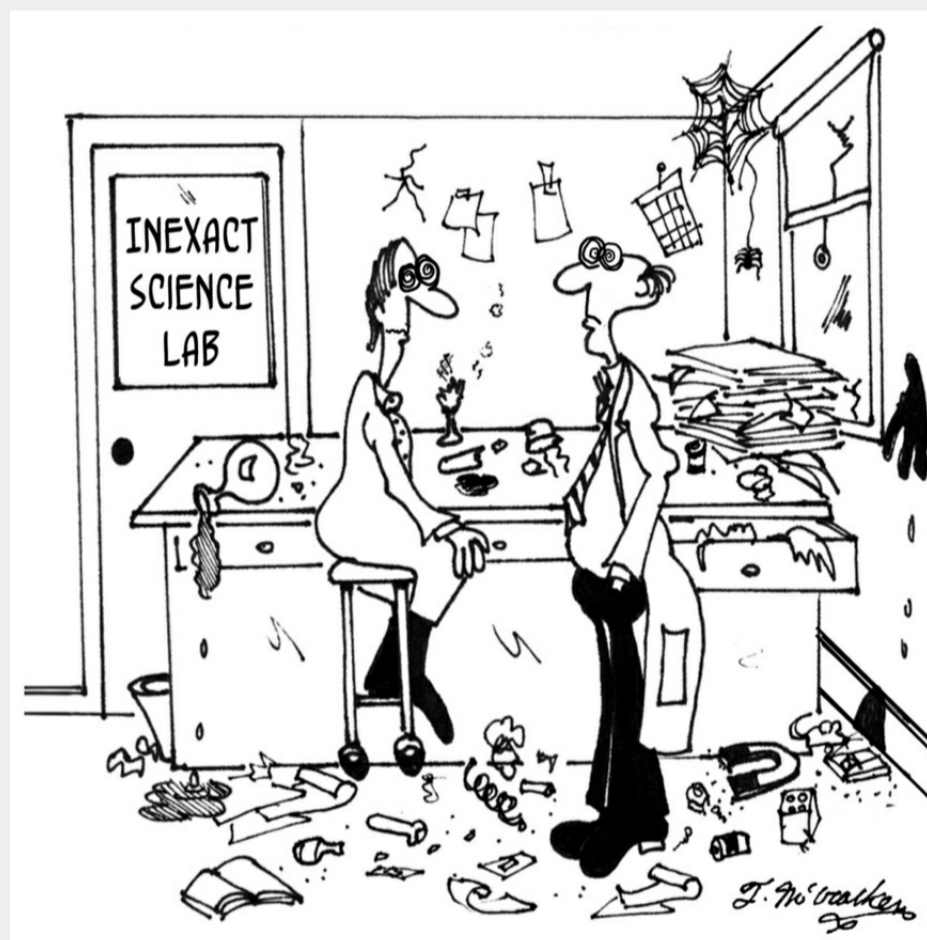
### Follow These Tips for Prompt Pickup of Hazardous Waste

Risk Management & Safety (RMS) collects hazardous waste generated on-campus and manages its proper disposal. If your group or lab needs to dispose of hazardous waste, you can help ensure it will be picked up promptly by following these steps:

1. Use compatible and leak-proof containers for collection of hazardous waste.
2. Fill out Chemical Discard Tag with proper chemical names and percentages totaling 100%.
3. Ensure each waste container has its own Chemical Discard Tag and leave all copies attached.
4. See the Hazardous [Waste Pick Up Schedule](#) or submit questions and Chemical Waste Pickup Requests to [Chad Rist](#).

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