

Office of Public Safety and Security

Environmental Health & Safety | Risk Management & Insurance | Campus Security | Emergency Management & Security Systems

Safety & Security: Everyone's Responsibility

Our top priority at OPSS is for you to go home safely every day. We work to minimize hazards and other threats, but we need your help too. Paying attention to whatever you are doing can really make a difference in your safety and security, and only you can control that.

Your participation in our programs and attention to your activities is a critical aspect of our success in fulfilling our mission. Fully staffed, there are 15 full-time university employees in all of OPSS, and we can't be everywhere to find every hazard. You are our eyes to let us know when something is wrong, whether that is a missing ceiling tile, loose handrail, missing outside light that leaves a walkway dark, or an uneven sidewalk. Take time to be aware of your environment, and if something is broken, damaged, or just needs some TLC, please

Vandal Alert

Vandal Alert is used to contact the University of Idaho community by email, text messaging and voice in the event of an emergency (such as a weather closure or delay).

Log in to [VandalWeb](#) to sign up today!

Safe Walk

Don't want to walk across campus alone? Campus Security will accompany students, faculty, and/or staff across campus to make sure they can safely traverse the campus without fear of personal harm.

Call 208-885-7054 to make arrangements.

report it. It may not seem like much, but a missing ceiling tile can interfere with the functioning of emergency fire equipment, a loose handrail could contribute to a serious fall, a dark walkway may leave people feeling less secure or unable to see other hazards, and uneven sidewalks have led to many trips and falls. All of these can lead to serious injuries and even death, and that affects us all.

You can report problems like these through Facilities (208-885-6246 or facilities@uidaho.edu) for repair. If you have a safety concern, contact EHS (208-885-6524 or safety@uidaho.edu). The same goes for suspicious activity. If you see something happening that doesn't seem quite right, call Campus Security (208-885-7054). As the university works to create a culture of safety, OPSS is here as a resource to help you stay safe and secure while working and learning.

*Remember,
safety doesn't
"just happen" - and
we can't do it
without you!*

What's New

- New hire in EHS: William Robinson joined us in May as the Industrial Hygiene Specialist.
- New hire in Risk Management: A new Risk Analyst will be joining the team in September.

What is the Office of Public Safety & Security (OPSS)?

OPSS consists of:

- Environmental Health & Safety
- Risk Management & Insurance
- Campus Security
- Emergency Management & Security Systems

Our purpose is to provide services to the university that promote a safe and secure working and learning environment. We are involved in emergency preparedness and planning; risk mitigation through pre-planning and insurance; environmental compliance, fire safety, hazardous materials management, laboratory safety, industrial hygiene, occupational safety, and radiation safety; Clery Act compliance; and partner with Allied Barton for security services. Programs include VandalAlert for emergency notifications, safety training through NetLearning@uidaho, and Safe Walk, among others.



EHS HazMat Training, 2016



What is the Clery Act?

The basic intent of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (20 USC § 1092(f)) is for institutions to disclose information about crime on and around their campuses so that consumers can make informed decisions in selecting a college or university. This landmark federal law, originally known as the Campus Security Act and passed in 1990, was amended in 1991, 1992, 1998, 2000, 2008, and 2013, and is tied to the ability of most colleges and universities, public or private, to participate in federal student aid programs.

The Clery Act requires colleges and universities to:

Publish an Annual Security Report (ASR) by October 1, documenting three calendar years of select crime statistics.

Have a Public Crime Log accessible to the public during normal business hours and made available within two business days upon request.

Disclose Crime Statistics for incidents that occur on campus, in public areas immediately adjacent to or running through the campus and at certain non-campus facilities including Greek housing and remote classrooms.

Issue timely warnings about Clery Act crimes which pose a serious or ongoing threat to students and employees in a manner likely to reach all members of the campus community.

Devise an emergency response, notification and testing policy to inform the campus community about a "significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees occurring on the campus," when a confirmed report is received from law enforcement. This expands the timely warnings requirement to include emergencies of all types.

Compile and report fire data to the federal government and publish an annual fire safety report of fires that occur in on-campus housing.

Enact policies and procedures to handle reports of missing students to minimize delays and confusion during the initial stages of a missing student investigation.

Please visit <http://www.uidaho.edu/infrastructure/pss/security-services/clery-act> or <http://clerycenter.org/> for more information.

On the Horizon:

- **Hazardous Waste Management Training;** 9/9, 9:00 - 11:00, Ag Sci 62
- **Respiratory Protection for New Users training;** 9/16, 9:00–11:00, location TBD
- **New Defensive Driving Course** available soon in NetLearning@uidaho
- **2015 Incident Report** on EHS website.
- **2015 Clery Act Report** on OPSS website.

Does your research grant ask for an ISO 31000 risk assessment?

Contact Nancy Spink at risk@uidaho.edu or call her at 208-885-6177. Nancy has training in the ISO 31000 methods and can assist you.

How can I do a risk assessment?

University Risk recommends an easy tool for risk assessment. Based on the "Maricopa method" pioneered by Ruth Unks, you will find it online at <http://www.uidaho.edu/infrastructure/pss/risk-management/risk-planning>

Interested in quick training in risk assessment? Contact Nancy Spink at risk@uidaho.edu or call her at 208-885-6177.

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Vandals Pass RCRA Compliance Inspection

In April 2016, the University of Idaho Moscow campus was inspected by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. EPA for RCRA hazardous materials compliance. The inspection lasted for three days, and the results were positive thanks to the efforts of every unit on campus and the EHS Hazardous Materials team. For full details, visit uidaho.edu/ehs

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