

Operation & Emergency Magazine



January – December 2023

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Vision

Healthy
and safe
community



Mission

Achieving a stimulating learning environment , safe, healthy risk-free community that supports leadership and innovation in higher education, and community service through the efficient and effective application of service standard.



Overview of operations & Emergency Section

Operation and Emergency Section supervises all aspects of emergencies and crises task in the university.

UAEU OHS PERFORMANCE

January to December 2023

There is no lost time injury from 2022 to 2023 however, all incidents (work related) have been reported and investigated as reasonably and practical

100% Audits

13 Audits in 2023 have been completed for Colleges & Department as per the requirements of UAEU ISO 45001: 2018 Management System

100% Committees

OHS Committee meetings in 2023 have been conducted as per the requirements of ISO 45001: 2018 Management System

100% SHOC

209 Safety Hazard Observation Cards drive continual improvement of UAEU OHS management system. All hazards observed reported for action

100% Training

110 OHS training courses were conducted in 2023 exceeding our set objectives and target of 20 per annum by 550%

100% Inspections

421 inspections conducted during 2023 exceeding our set objectives and target of 384 per annum by 110%

To provide an overview of the amount of training FMDHS delivers, please see 2023 year to date statistics below.



Internal & External trainers



Wide range of OHS training material provided



UAEU Staff and stake holders benefit from OHS knowledge transfer

External Audit

On Wednesday 10th May 2023, UAEU had its 1st surveillance audit of 45001:2018 OHS Management System by Bureau Veritas.

The audit started with an opening meeting attended by the top Management and UAEU OHS representatives. Continual improvement was observed and management commitment commented during the audit.

AIM

To determine conformance of UAEU Occupational Health & Safety Management System to ISO 45001:2018 Standard requirement

RESULT

Audit was completed without non-conformance.

O&ES and FMDHS Supported UAE University
Department Operational License and College
Accreditation System for;

CAA

ISO / IEC 27001 :2022

ISO / IEC 20000: 2018

MOE OHS requirements

UNWTO TedQual Certification

ISO 45001:2018 OHSMS Certification

OHS requirement for UAE Clinic licence



External & Internal
Audit Team

Community Engagement / Awareness Program

Aimed to provide UAEU community internal and external stakeholders with necessary information using digitalized and non-digitalized systems such as News Letter, Magazine, Posters, Videos, Website, Email Broadcast, Text Message, Social Media Platform e.t.c.

During fall semester, the “Be Proactive” awareness campaign held to familiarize campus community concerning where to find Occupational health & Safety procedures including new awareness materials

Booklet containing the following information was handed out to participants.

- Video – To reduce / prevent traffic violations due to unsafe parking
- Video- To Increase awareness about student code of conduct for Hostel. This video has been included in the hostel student online registration process.
- Information link to awareness materials
- Information link to Operations & Emergency Section Website

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OHS AWARENESS
ACTIVITIES
COMPLETED
DURING

January to December 2023



SANAD Emergency Response Volunteer Team

Awareness & Prediction Unit to increase staff and student participation by providing new SANAD team across buildings without emergency responders and retain existing emergency responders.

Currently SANAD Team in D-Series, and female hostels (both new and external campus sites). During fall, F-Series is newly added building to D-Series & Female hostels.

New initiative to motivate stakeholders to participate in training by awarding certificate of attendance/ appreciation and volunteer hours.



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AMONG THE RESULTS OF THIS COOPERATION, 5 AWARENESS WORKSHOPS OF DIFFERENT TITLES WERE PRESENTED, BENEFITING 422 STAKEHOLDERS FROM DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY.

Joint cooperation between UAEU Operations and Emergency Section Internal & External Stakeholders

O&ES Continue to maintain existing joint Cooperation with Internal & External Stakeholders including Ministry of Education, Safety Authority of the Government of Sharjah and Civil Defense to increase security and safety culture across the UAE university community.

During 2023; additional new Joint Corporation with Al Ain Distribution Company, National Emergency Crisis and Disasters Management Authority and Abu Dhabi police.

O&ES and FMDHS Joined Khadamat team World Safety & Health Campaign. Campaign was aimed to share progress made to ensure a safe and healthy workplace. This was an excellent opportunity to present UAEU OHS Initiative Achievement July – Dec 2022



Civil Defence as observer during Fire Drill at Crescent Building



Meeting with Al Ain Distribution company



Group photo during the Celebration



Joint cooperation with Abu Dhabi police to promote "We are all police" initiative in UAEU Campus

Supporting Internal and External Stakeholder OHS Student Internship Training

Program is designed to inform students about OHS requirements within UAEU and requirements in the workplace once graduated. Student also assist the section by studying challenge(s) within O&ES, recommend solution(s) to improve OHS performance.



Faculty of Administration and Economics Honours its strategic partners who contribute to training students for 2022/2023 academic year



Plaque & Certificate of achievement/ appreciation was presented to FMD department and staff

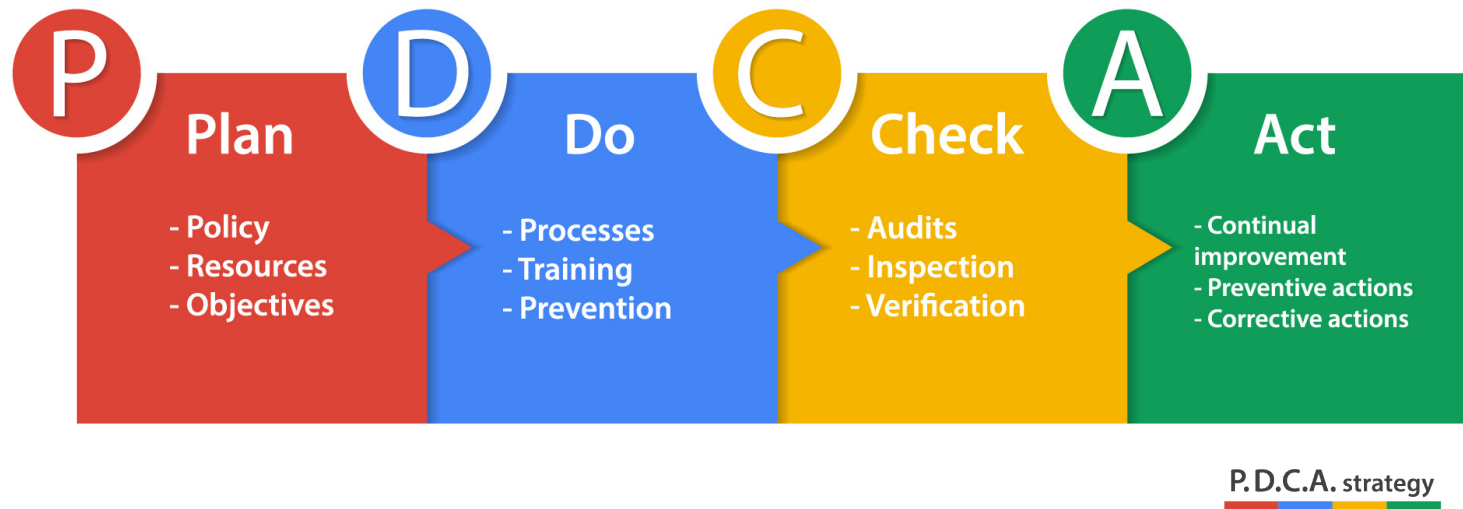
AMONG THE RESULTS OF THIS COOPERATION, 4 SECTIONS OF TRAINING COMPLETED, BENEFITING 9 STAKEHOLDERS FROM UAE UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF BUSINESS & ECONOMICS AND ABU DHABI VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING INSTITUTE (ADVETI).

Laboratory Safety Benchmark program

To increase the overall safety awareness, standards, and risk management for 16 high-risk labs that use hazardous chemicals, lifting/heavy machineries, high temperatures/pressures, and voltages for a period of 1 year.

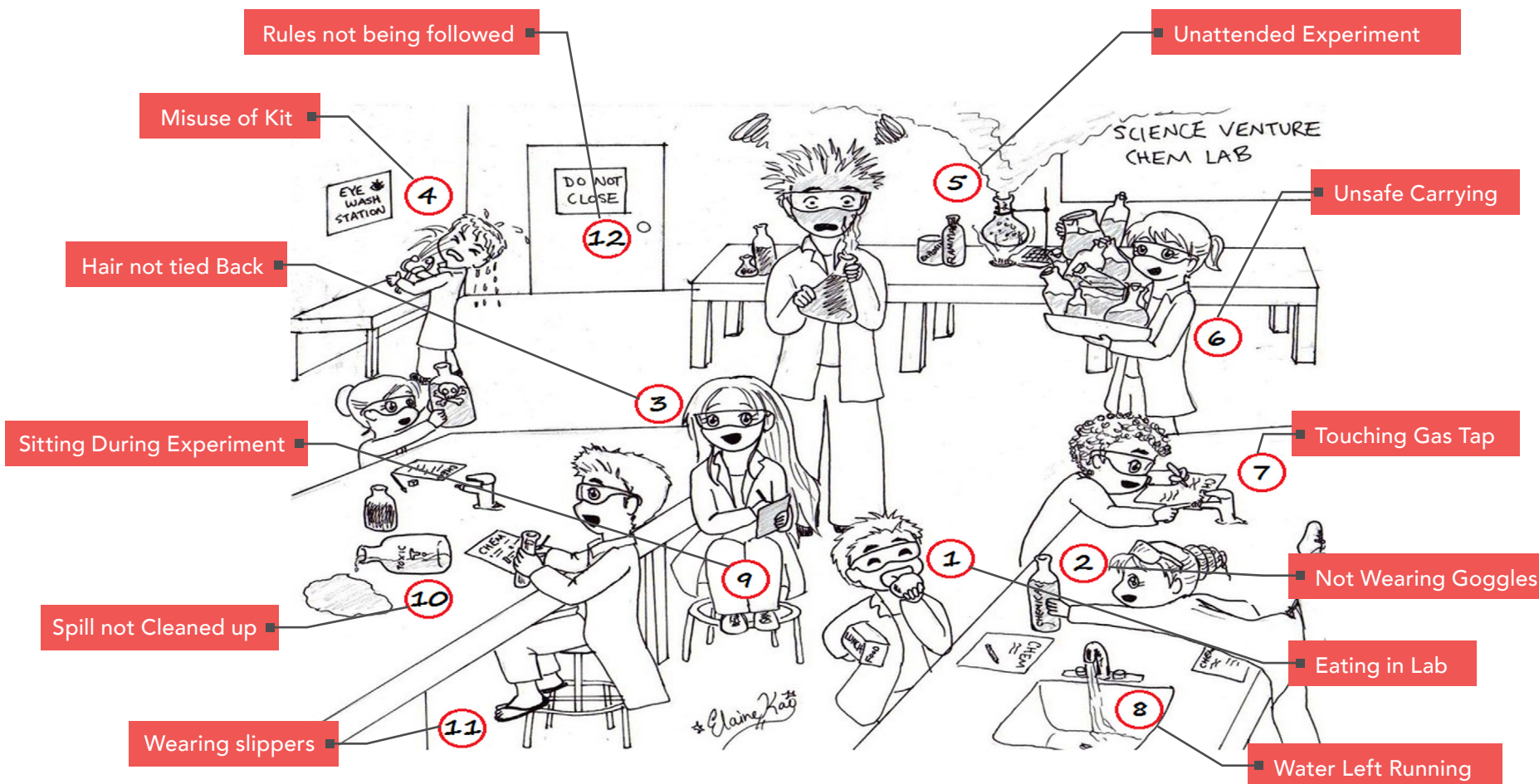
In order to achieve set objective a comprehensive evaluation tool with a performance dashboard system have been developed with:

- Individual check points rating scale with pre-defined criteria's
- Automated calculation of aggregate score
- In built report with categorization of findings



ANSWERS TO JULY TO DECEMBER 2022 PUZZLE

Laboratory Safety



Procedure of Policy No (3) – Student Housing Services Standards of Student Behavior in the University Housing



Arabic Video



English Video

Contractor Bench Marking Program

Aimed to Build a strong and efficient team and also Increase safety compliance in contractors' daily task by evaluating contractor's performance against set criteria for continual improvement of the UAEU Occupational health and safety management system.



Disposing Broken Glass/ Bottles on Campus

Poor disposal of broken glass/bottles

Or Broken glass/bottles generally neglected by building occupants is a concern which may lead to injury to a person who is not aware of the hazard especially during garbage collection and disposal.



Safety Begins With Teamwork

Our goal is to control or eliminate poor disposal of broken glass/bottle by providing recycle bins or immediately reporting to housekeeping team for collection.

Safety Tips;

Where recycle bin is provided:

- Never collect or dispose if you are untrained.
- Isolate affected area.
- Use puncture proof gloves
- Dispose glass / bottles in proper tins/bins.
- Ensure all small particles are collected by sweeping the affected area.

Where recycle bin is not provided:

- Isolate affected area.
- Report to supervisor or housekeeping team immediately for collection and disposal.

What you should do:

Increase awareness about the safety tips.

Use of Fragrance on Campus



Traditional method for room and clothes fragrance is practiced in the gulf, like burning Candles, lanterns, Oudh/Bakhoor, incense etc. UAEU has provided precautionary measures to increase Fire Safety including prohibiting usage of material that burns with a naked flame across the campus. Some of the building occupants have not been following the precautionary measures, instead; bringing and using prohibited items inside the building/ facility. In some cases, evidence of discolored furniture have been reported.



By using such items, heat transfer happens either through conduction, convection, radiation or by direct contact between the flame and the furniture resulting to discoloration

Actions to be taken:

Eliminate using prohibited item inside the campus building /facility.

Use alternative method for fragrance which does not produce heat or naked flame

Strict compliance to UAEU campus Fire safety precautions.

Unauthorized items such as Candles, lanterns, Oudh/Bakhoor, incense or material that burns with a naked flame can be returned back to your home, confiscated or disposed

Conclusion:

Use non heat producing method for room and clothes fragrance such as; spray, liquid, gel ,battery operated candle, perfume, air freshener e.t.c

The Dangers Hidden in Damaged Electric Appliance

In our modern world, electrical appliances have become indispensable tools in our daily lives. From powering our homes to aiding in our work, these devices make life more convenient and efficient. However, there's a hidden danger that often goes unnoticed: the usage of damaged electrical appliances. While it may seem harmless to continue using a device with a small defect or malfunction, the consequences can be dire.

The Silent Threat

Damaged electrical appliances pose a significant risk to both property and personal safety. A frayed cord, a cracked outlet, or a malfunctioning switch may seem minor at first glance, but they can lead to catastrophic consequences. Electrical fires are a common result of using faulty appliances, causing extensive damage to property, and posing a severe threat to lives.

The Risk of Electric Shock

Another danger associated with damaged electrical appliances is the risk of electrical shock. When exposed wires or faulty components come into contact with human skin, it can result in severe injury or even death. Children and pets are especially vulnerable to these risks, as they may not understand the dangers posed by faulty appliances.





The Importance of Vigilance

To mitigate these risks, it's essential for individuals to remain vigilant when using electrical appliances. Regular inspections of cords, plugs, and outlets can help identify potential hazards before they escalate. Any signs of damage, such as exposed wires, scorch marks, or unusual odors, should be addressed immediately. Carrying out Portable Appliance Test (PAT) will ensure that the cords are in order and doesn't have earth leakage.

Repair or Replace?

When faced with a damaged electrical appliance, the decision to repair or replace can be challenging. While repairing may seem like a cost-effective solution, it's crucial to consider the extent of the damage and the expertise required for repairs. In many cases, replacing the appliance with a new, certified model is the safest option.



Safe Usage Practices

In addition to addressing damaged appliances promptly, practicing safe usage habits is essential for preventing accidents. This includes avoiding overloading electrical circuits, using appliances only for their intended purposes, and unplugging devices when not in use. Additionally, investing in surge protectors and ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) can provide an extra layer of protection against electrical hazards.

Conclusion:

The usage of damaged electrical appliances is a serious matter that should not be taken lightly. By remaining vigilant, addressing issues promptly, and practicing safe usage habits, individuals can protect themselves and their loved ones from the dangers posed by faulty electrical devices. Remember, when it comes to electrical safety, prevention is always better than cure.

Training Plan- 2023

Number new of courses	Trainer
OHS Induction	Internal
Risk assessment awareness workshop	External
Management of stress at work	External
OHS Inspection- UAEU Internship students	Internal
Fire Drill	Internal
HSE Induction & Emergency Response	Internal
Risk assessment awareness	Internal
OHS Induction ZMC	Internal
Home Safety Awareness	External
Heat Stress	Internal
OHS Policy	Internal
Lifting Activity	Internal
Medical emergency response drill	Internal
Method Statement & Risk Assessment	Internal
UAEU - UCMS Training	Internal
Confined space	Internal
Excavation	Internal
Hazardous Substance	Internal

Number new of courses	Trainer
Incident , Accident , Near miss Reporting	Internal
Manual Handling	Internal
Reporting accidents	External
Electrical safety	Internal
Scaffolding	Internal
Work at height	Internal
Fire Awareness & Emergency Response	Internal
Ladder Safety	Internal
PTW	Internal
Public Safety	External
First Aid	External
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	Internal
Portable & Power Tool	Internal
Fire Warden	Internal
Electric overhead traveling cranes Training	External
First Aid Training - Accredited	External
Forklift training	External
Traffic Management	Internal
ISO 45001:2018	External

Thank You



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