

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO SCARBOROUGH

HEALTH AND SAFETY BULLETIN

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HOT TOPICS

DESIGNATED SUBSTANCES

According to the Ontario Ministry of Labour, under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, a Designated Substance is a biological, chemical or physical agent (or combination thereof) to which the exposure of a worker is prohibited, regulated, restricted, limited or controlled. The following list are “designated substances”:

- Acrylonitrile
- Arsenic
- Asbestos
- Benzene
- Coke oven emissions
- Ethylene oxide
- Isocyanates
- Lead
- Mercury
- Silica
- Vinyl chloride

For maintenance work and construction projects, a designated substance review must be performed before the work can commence.

When considering any changes to your workspace, such as installing new furniture or any work that can cause disturbance to the building fabric, Facilities Management must be consulted to ensure appropriate work procedures are taken.

The UTSC asbestos inventory can be found here: <https://www.utsc.utoronto.ca/ehs/hazardous-materials-information>

INSTANT HOT POT BAN



UTSC has banned all self-heating instant hot pot soups from campus. Self-Heating Instant Hot Pots use a technology called "Flameless Ration Heater", which likely produces carbon monoxide and hydrogen gas. They have been banned at UTSC because of the health and flammability risks.

CRITICAL INJURY

A Critical Injury is defined as an injury of a serious nature that:

- Places a life in jeopardy
- Produces unconsciousness
- Results in substantial loss of blood
- Involves a fracture of a wrist, ankle, leg, arm, hand, foot, more than one finger or more than one toe
- Involves the amputation of a leg, arm, hand, foot, more than one finger or more than one toe
- Consists of burns to a major part of the body
- Causes loss of sight in an eye

In the event of a critical injury, **Campus Police 416-978-2222** must be notified following a phone call to **911**.

DID YOU KNOW?

Handwashing with soap and water is a good way to keep your hands clean throughout the day, as stated by Toronto Public Health. When soap and water is not available, alcohol-based sanitizer is a useful alternative for hand hygiene.

UTSC has numerous hand sanitizer stations throughout all the buildings on campus. There is a combination of floor stand and wall-mounted units at many building entrances, elevators, washrooms and near some of the food vendors on campus.



COVID-19 UPDATES & FAQs

COVID-19 updates and FAQ for the UofT community can be found here:

<https://www.utoronto.ca/message-from-the-university-regarding-the-coronavirus>



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