

The purpose of this newsletter is to unite all the UNBC campus's (Prince George, Prince Rupert, Terrace, Gitwinksihlkw, Quesnel, Likely, Ft St John) and grow our UNBC Community's Safety Culture together by regularly communicating important Safety information. UNBC's mission is to Ignite, Inspire, and Lead change.

Ensuring safety in our university setting is crucial for staff, students, and faculty. Here are some key aspects of our Campus Safety that are continuously in motion:

Emergency Preparedness: Our Safety Team has prepared Emergency Operations Centre binders and vests, to be deployed in the event of EOC activation. Our Security Team has refreshed site First Aid kits and checked all four Automated External Defibrillators. Main Campus fire drills are scheduled for the last two weeks of September. Our Communications Team has updated communication protocols for emergencies and will deliver the information to leadership on August 8.

Campus Security: Our Security Team plays a crucial role in maintaining a safe and secure environment for our students, faculty and staff by conducting continuous surveillances, and detecting suspicious activity. The Security Team also responds to injuries and provides First Aid. Here at UNBC we encourage staff, students and members of the public to be vigilant and report any suspicious activities promptly to UNBC Security 250-960-7058, from a UNBC landline # 3333 or by using the SAFE APP.

Safe Facilities and Infrastructure: The Facilities Team conducts and coordinates regular maintenance of our campus buildings, walkways, and parking lots, and have recently re-painted the lots. Shift Engineers maintain the Bio Energy plant, which provides heat for indoor air and water. Facilities also maintains exit signs, sprinklers, emergency eyewashes, showers, autoclaves and so much more!

Laboratory Safety: UNBC's main campus has many research labs. We promote and monitor proper handling, storage and disposal of chemicals and biological materials. Contact your instructor or the Dispensing Chemist at ChemStores for information about orientations and training.

Employee Health and Wellness Programs: Employee Wellbeing strives to facilitate safe and equitable participation in the workplace for UNBC employees by providing support to employees with workplace accommodations, medical leaves, return-to-work planning, and the Employee Family Assistance Program.

Student Resources: Students at UNBC have access to a wide variety of resources, including the Academic Success Centre for tutoring, workshops and research skill development, the Access Resource Centre for accommodation arrangements, the Career Centre for help with resumes, job opportunities and interviewing skills, the Medical Clinic, and counseling services.

Cybersecurity: Our IT team protects our systems, network and protects the community from digital attacks. They accomplish this by enforcing software patching policies, ensuring software is secure and up to date, and working to create a culture of security awareness.

Kudos!

Kudos to our UNBC "IT Team" for working through the night to get our systems back online after the global interruption! Thank you IT for all your hard work and effort for keeping our systems safe.

Inclusivity and Respect: Here at UNBC we foster a respectful and inclusive environment. We address discrimination, harassment, and bullying promptly. Encourage bystander intervention and promote a culture of empathy.

Health and Hygiene: UNBC promotes good hygiene practices with Hand washing Safety posters and maintain a clean facility with daily housekeeping.

Fun Fact!

The main NSC roof has seven hundred and fifty thousand (750,000) bolts securing it down.

A note from Scott: Before purchasing electrical products, always check for certification marks, such as CSA, cUL, or cETL. Electrical products that plug into an electrical outlet must meet Canadian national safety standards and be certified by an accredited certification body.

Certification marks indicate that the products are assessed and conform to the required Canadian standard. Do not buy or use electrical products without a certification mark. For more information on certification marks, visit [Electrical product safety - Canada.ca](http://Electricalproduct.safety-Canada.ca)

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Early preparations can make a significant difference during the wildfire season.

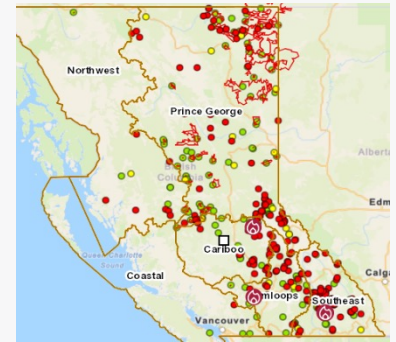
Report wildfires: 1 800 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell.

Make and Emergency Plan: Create an emergency plan for your household. Include communication details and how you'll respond during a wildfire. Use the interactive Emergency Ready Plan.

Share this plan with everyone in your household and update it annually.

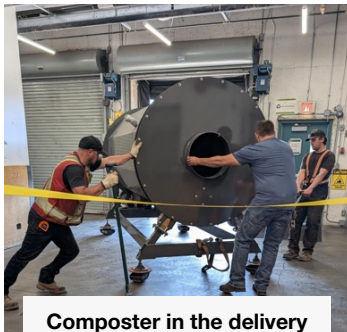
Build Grab-and-go Bags: As wildfires can require quick evacuation, prepare grab-and-go bags for each family member.

Protect your home: Clear yard clutter of flammable materials.



Safety & current events

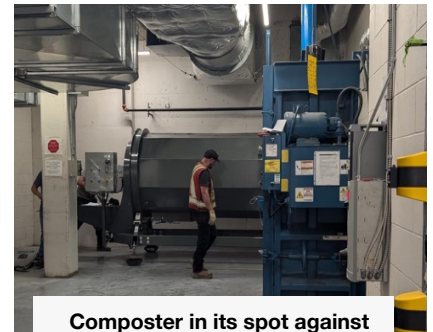
UNBC has a new composter in our recycling room.



Composter in the delivery doors entrance way.



Composter almost in the door to the recycling room.



Composter in its spot against the wall, now time to hook it up.

Positive Observations

Promoting a Safety Conscious Culture for our UNBC Community

Lawn Mower had a flat tire & needed to spend the night. Delineators and danger tape placed around the unit to mark the spot!



NSC Road repair works. Everyone was wearing their with PPE (high vis vests & gloves).



If you see any positive safety initiatives, please photograph them, and send the pictures to safety@unbc.ca

Working together for safety

We would like to thank everyone for participating in our growing Safety Community at UNBC!