12 Months of Safety & Wellness

October: Fire Safety

Deaths from fires (especially smoke inhalation) are the most common cause of unintentional deaths in the United States:

- In 2008, 3320 civilians & 118 firefighters died from fires
- Fires spread faster when fire doors are propped open
- Hallway obstructions contribute to injuries & deaths
- This past year, 42% of nationwide campus fires occurred in residence halls
- Over the last 9 years, 50% of UCI fires occurred in labs
- The past 3 years, UCI incurred $500,000 for fire incidents

Solution:

- Practice your building evacuation plan now (not later)
- Report damaged extinguishers to Facilities at 949-824-5444
- Register for Fire Extinguisher Safety training in TED
- Call 911 to reach UCI Police to report any emergency
- SOS Reps: Post this flyer & complete the Hazard Identification Checklist and identify potential fire hazards in your work unit
- Replace smoke alarm batteries in your home at least 1x/year