

Lessons Learned: all equipment in the lab can be hazardous - not just the chemicals. Its important to keep up your regular inspections of your storage areas & keep your chemicals segregated by hazard class as you put them away for the summer. Always check equipment that hasn't been operated in awhile. Is it still safe? Does everyone know how to use it? Is there an operating manual so you can check the limitations on the equipment?

REMINDER: Stony Brook University EH&S will be offering the required HS lab safety training on 6/30/14 (12:30 PM) or 7/1/14 (10 AM) for any HS student working in our labs this summer. Both classes will be at the Wang Center. Contact me with any questions.

PHS EVACUATED DUE TO 'LAB EXPERIMENT GONE BAD'

<http://www.seacoastonline.com/articles/20140516-NEWS-140519793>

Tags: us_NH, laboratory, release, response, unknown_chemical

PORTSMOUTH — “A lab experiment gone bad” caused a Friday morning evacuation at Portsmouth High School, according to Assistant Principal Shawn Donovan.

No one was injured and no harmful chemicals were used, Donovan said, adding the building was evacuated due to a large amount of smoke inside a third-floor laboratory in the school’s science wing. Fire Chief Steve Achilles said an alarm came in from the school at 10:44 a.m. “Since the school has approved chemicals in the wing, we evacuated the building,” he said.

In a released statement, Principal Jeff Collins and Assistant Superintendent Stephen Zadavec said smoke had emanated from a drying oven used in science experiments. They said once it was determined there was no further hazard, the drying oven was removed from the room and the school.

Achilles said there was no fire but firefighters checked for the cause of the smoke and to identify any hazardous chemicals lingering in the wing. The third floor was isolated while the region’s Hazmat team evaluated the scene.

EMPLOYEE INJURED, STUDENTS FORCED TO EVACUATE AFTER CHEMICAL SPILL AT HARLEM SCHOOL

<http://manhattan.ny1.com/content/news/208806/employee-injured--students-forced-to-evacuate-after-chemical-spill-at-harlem-school>

Tags: us_NY, laboratory, release, injury, nitric_acid

A school employee was injured and students were forced to evacuate following a chemical spill at a Harlem school Friday.

It happened on the first floor of the Percy Sutton Educational Complex on Edgecombe Avenue.

The Department of Education said the chemical was nitric acid and was with other bottles of chemicals in a classroom.

A fire safety employee suffered a burn.

No students were injured, but they waited outside the building for more than a half an hour while fire, police and hazmat teams responded.

The building houses several schools, including Bread and Roses High School, Mott Hall High School, KAPPA IV and Eagle Academy.

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