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Subject: Lessons Learned: School has started - are you ready?

Lessons Learned: School has started and so have the incident reports. Sometimes the information on what happened is available, often no information on what or how the incident occurred is available, and too frequently, the reports are written by people who know nothing about chemicals and their health effects (I've worked with our Journalism students to try and improve this! Maybe the science teachers could work with the English teachers on writing?). What the number of incident news reports do show is that there are many more incidents at the beginning of the year and after vacations than at other times. Is it because of new teachers, rusty skills or the prep/storage areas haven't been inspected or kept in order? I don't know, but I do know these are all reasons previous incidents have occurred. Each of these reasons can and must be addressed at your schools to prevent similar incidents!

Let me know if you are not sure how to address these issues!

<http://abc7chicago.com/news/simeon-hs-chemical-spill-sends-2-teachers-to-hospital/296382/>

SIMEON H.S. CHEMICAL SPILL SENDS 2 TEACHERS TO HOSPITAL

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CHICAGO (WLS) -- Two teachers were injured in a chemical spill at Chicago's Simeon Career Academy, officials said.

Emergency crews arrived at the school, located in the 8100-block of S. Vincennes Avenue, after a chemical reaction occurred while the teachers were preparing for a chemistry lab around 12:30 p.m. Friday, officials said. The school's fire alarm went off, and students were evacuated outside or to designated parts of the building.

Both teachers were hospitalized with minor injuries, officials said. No students were in the classroom at the time of the reaction.

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