

## CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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The EH&S Spring **Safety Beacon** is here! Visit the EH&S website for the new issue.

### EH&S Inspections in June

It's time for the department's annual EH&S inspection! Get ready by reviewing the EH&S laboratory inspection checklist (scan below) to know if your lab has any safety violations.



Last year the most common violations included:

- **Open waste containers**
- **Unlabeled containers**
- **Blocked eyewash/ safety shower stations**
- **General housekeeping (clutter)**
- **Expired trainings**

Another item to check are your emergency postings, are the contacts correct, do you need to remove or add names? If you need new cards please see Brandon.

If you would like to schedule a pre-inspection walkthrough now or in the future please email Brandon.

### Keep Sprinklers Clear of Obstructions

Boxes and other large items stored close to the ceiling can negatively affect the impact of a sprinkler's ability to contain or extinguish a fire by obstructing the sprinkler spray pattern. Many times these obstructions are due to building users who are unaware they may even be causing an unsafe situation.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) requires that no objects be stored less than 18" below a sprinkler system. Maintaining this space ensures that in the event of a fire the spray pattern created by the sprinkler head is not compromised and can reach the object(s) that are on fire.

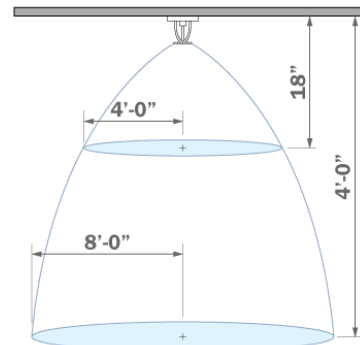


Diagram of the fire sprinkler spray pattern

