

# Think Safety First!

## CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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The EHS Fall Safety Beacon is now available. Visit the EHS website (<http://www1.udel.edu/ehs/>) to read.

### Know the Numbers

Safety Data Sheet *Section 2 – Hazards Identification*, uses a numbering system to classify how hazardous a material is based on the hazard category. The scale ranges from 1-5, with 1 being the most severe hazard. The old (NFPA) numbering system, which is still used in other applications, uses a different scale. Make sure you know what scale you are using when reading your SDS!

#### NEW Number scale

#### OLD Number scale\*

Globally Harmonized System

NFPA / HMIS

1	Severe Hazard
2	Serious Hazard
3	Moderate Hazard
4	Slight Hazard
5	Minimal Hazard

ORDER IS REVERSED



0	Minimal Hazard
1	Slight Hazard
2	Moderate Hazard
3	Serious Hazard
4	Severe Hazard

\*The NFPA number scale is still used by fire fighters and first responders.

GHS numbering system, a *Carcinogen (Category 1)* is a higher hazard than a *Carcinogen (Category 4)*

### Waste Pickup Request?

EHS has added waste pickup request links to our homepage (<http://www1.udel.edu/ehs/>). To submit a request, look for the icons on the right side of the page, choose the waste pickup you would like to request, then complete the web form.

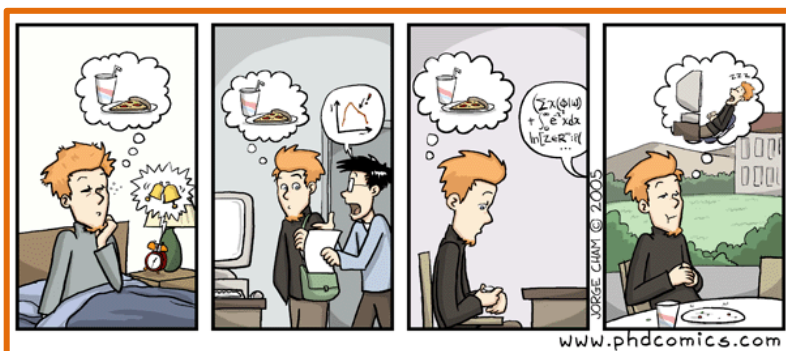
### Questions for EHS?

Questions about safety, but not sure who to ask? EHS makes it easy to ask anything. Clicking the *Questions?* icon located on the right side of the EHS homepage will send your question to the EHS office, and the correct person will follow up.



Questions?

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