

# RADIATION SAFETY NEWS NOTES

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## 2002 Radiation Safety Refresher Training

Refresher training will be available on the ORCBS web site beginning February 1, 2002, until August 15, 2002. All MSU workers and PIs who use or supervise workers using RAM must take radiation safety refresher training each year. After August 15 persons who have not completed the refresher training will be required to attend initial training at the ORCBS training center.

## Security

Recent events have heightened security concerns around the world and here at MSU. All radioactive materials must be secured to prevent tampering or removal by unauthorized persons. This means that your lab must be locked or your materials must be locked whenever the lab is unattended. Sometimes even if the lab is occupied that person may not be able to see if someone enters the lab or may choose not to challenge someone they do not recognize who enters the lab.

The MSU DPPS frequently walks through buildings during evenings and weekends checking for unlocked doors and unattended labs. Do not assume your laboratory is secure during non-working hours. Outside doors are often propped open that allow easy access, and people may have keys to buildings where they do not belong.

Keep your radioactive material safe. Lock up your materials and waste or keep your door closed and locked.

## Laboratory Relocations

Many laboratories will be moving this year as the BioMedical and Physical Sciences Building occupation begins and other labs move into vacated space. The ORCBS will assist you with packing and moving chemicals and radioactive materials.

If moving into a vacated laboratory, check with our office to confirm that we have done a close out survey to document there is no radioactive contamination or materials left behind. Before beginning work at your new location, be sure that the required postings are in place and that your work areas are properly labeled. We will make a map of your new laboratory so that surveys may be correctly documented.

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