Safety Through Security (Information Notice)

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Current events in New York and Washington D.C. have raised the nation’s awareness of security in all aspects of our lives. Much attention in the media has been given to the security of all types of hazardous material, including radioactive material. This information notice is intended only as reminder to observe our established UNC-CH Radiation Security Policy and is not a response to any suspicious activity on this campus. Below is a review of the current UNC-CH Radiation Security Policy:

All licensed radioactive material must be secured against unauthorized removal. This is accomplished through personnel attendance of the radioactive material by authorized users and registered radiation workers or keeping the radioactive material under secure lock and key when no personnel are present. Licensed radioactive material includes material in stock solution vials, material aliquoted into experiments and material in waste (dry waste, liquid waste and scintillation vials). What does this mean?

- Rooms where stock solution vials and aliquoted material are stored must be locked or security maintained by attendance of laboratory personnel.

- Freezers/refrigerators used for storage of radioactive material must be locked in rooms that cannot be locked due to general use and where no one is in attendance at all times,

- Rooms where radioactive waste is stored must be locked or security maintained by laboratory personnel in attendance at all times.
• Freezers/Refrigerators in hallways that contain radioactive material either in stock solutions or aliquots in experiments must be locked, unless material is being removed from the unit.

• Shipments of radioactive material to investigators at other institutions cannot be made until verification of authorization to receive such material is obtained for the investigator and the institution prior to shipping.

• All radioactive material must be shipped directly to Environment, Health and Safety Dept. for monitoring and recording requirements, prior to delivery to laboratories.

Please ensure that this security policy is implemented in your area. Again, this is just a reminder to follow proper security procedures. Thank you in advance for your support of a safe workplace and community.