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TO: School District Superintendents
Science Teachers and High School Principals

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SUBJECT: New National Tool for Keeping Laboratories Safe

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This new publication is a 75 page safety guide for high school science and chemistry teachers. It provides usable safety information in a checklist format useful to reduce chemical injuries in a lab environment. Its information complements the state guide that was sent to district superintendents in August 2006. It is identified as:

NIOSH Publication No. 2007-107:
School Chemistry Laboratory Safety Guide, November 2006

The guide contains information about the various necessary aspects regarding the handling of chemicals in the high school laboratory. Also included are procedures regarding topics of Material Safety Data Sheets, signs and symbols, chemical hazards, emergency equipment, chemical waste, storage, purchasing, etc.

The publication is not intended to answer all possible safety issues, but rather to provide basic data on important components of chemistry laboratory safety and to serve as an information resource.

You may download it from:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/NIOSH2007107.pdf>

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<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2007-107/pdfs/2007-107.pdf>

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