



Holiday Safety Tips



Office Fire Safety Tips

Please ensure that decorations, tables, and chairs do not block or obscure exits. This is particularly important during office or departmental gatherings. Decorations should be kept within the confines of the room. All lights, other electric decorations, and extension cords must be unplugged before leaving work for the day.



Gift Card Scams

Don't Get Reeled In!

Messages may be sent to UH staff asking if you are available. If you respond yes, you are provided with instructions to purchase a significant amount of gift cards and send pictures of the numbers to the scammers. Your supervisors are likely NOT requesting you to act immediately, such as to purchase gift cards or transfer university funds. These messages are designed to trick you into funding criminal activity.

If you have questions about the validity of any message you receive, contact UHS Information Security at security@uh.edu. If you responded to any of these messages with personal information or spent any money purchasing gift cards related to these scams, contact UHS Information Security or the UH Police.



Best Practices

Slips, trips, and falls continue to be one of the most common causes of accidents reported at the UH.

- Wear shoes with good traction.
- Be cautious, especially on icy or wet surfaces and stairs, and use handrails.
- Allow plenty of time to reach your destination.
- Avoid using mobile devices while walking.



Hand Hygiene

With colder weather, we are more inclined to stay indoors. With more people in shared spaces, washing your hands can help you avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Wash your hands with soap and clean running water for at least 20 seconds.



Lab Safety

While university offices are closed during the break, certain research laboratory activities do not pause.

- Maintain adequate supplies in the laboratory and practice the buddy system.
- For laboratories that decide to pause, please follow proper guidance on pausing laboratory activities.



Card Access Updates

- Classrooms with card readers will be in card-only mode beginning Wednesday, December 14, after the last scheduled class and finals.
- Exterior doors of all buildings will be in card-only mode starting Friday, December 23 at 5:00 pm.
- Normal operating schedules will resume on Monday, January 2



Safety on the Roads

The University of Houston is no stranger to cold weather, and with the winter season upon us, it's important to remember some winter weather driving tips. The American Automotive Association offers some great **winter driving tips to keep in mind.**