

# OSI Program and Ergonomics Integration

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Together, we create a **safer** Sandia.



## Hello my name is....

- Remember your first day?
- Where you the same person then as you are now?
  - YES – In what ways?
  - NO – What's changed?



# You're In Charge...

- WORK SAFE, WORK SMART starts with YOU
- We all have habits...
  - Takes **21 days** to form a habit
  - Work on the **WHAT** and **WHEN** to be successful
- Are your habits (home and work) healthy and safe?



## Are you taking care of you?





# ERGO100 - Recap

- Ergonomics is the study of adapting equipment, procedures, and surroundings to the individual
- The goal of ergonomics is to improve both comfort and efficiency of the worker and the work environment
- Ergonomics applies to the reduction of overexertion activities in all types of work environments
- Overexertion is working beyond your body's physical capabilities
- Leverage is everything – keep work within your power zone





# Overexertion Hazards – 4 Types

## High Force Demands

Lifting

Pushing

Pulling

Carrying

Gripping

Using tools

## Awkward or Stationary Postures

Bending

Reaching

Twisting

Kneeling

## Repetitive Movements or Actions

Doing the same motion without taking breaks

## Other Hazards

Contact stress

Vibration

Hot or cold environments

# Overexertion Facts

- Overexertion can happen to anyone
- Overexertion injuries occur in both genders and all ages
- Ideal lifting conditions RARELY exist
- Overexertion injuries are not exclusive to lifting ONLY
- Increased general physical health, strength, and endurance can help minimize overexertion injuries but is NOT a guarantee





# Integrated Ergonomics



Analyzing and integrating our work, our workforce, and our workplace

# Industrial and Workplace Athletes



- Use the **BEST** equipment for the job
- Use the **BEST** performance techniques and practices
- **RE-ENERGIZE** and **RE-FOCUS** by taking frequent mini-breaks
  - Vary position frequently while working
  - Utilize Microbreaks or Dynamic Warm-Ups as needed

# Prevention Methods



- **Slow Down** - Work at a steady pace, taking one task at a time
- **Know Your Limits** - Ask for help, or use aids to make the task easier
- **Maintain Good Posture** - Take the time to position your body properly when performing a task
- **Use Proper Techniques** - Training and/or safe work practices
- **Take Frequent Mini-Breaks** - Take short breaks throughout the day to allow your muscles to relax and recover



# LIFT SMART



**S**ize up  
the load



**M**ove  
close to  
the load



**A**lways  
bend your  
knees



**R**aise  
object with  
your legs



**T**urn  
by moving  
your feet



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Ergonomic Program – Lifting Guidance



# DYNAMIC STRETCH BREAKS



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Employee Health Services – Dynamic Program

# Sandia National Laboratory and Ergonomics

- FY2018-2019 ESH Corporate Initiative on Overexertion
- Lab leadership and ESH identified overexertion as a leading cause of OSHA recordable injuries at Sandia
- Initiative is targeted on the reduction of overexertion injuries lab-wide by 50%
- Campaign targeted on ergonomics and overexertion integration
- Develop a baseline of industrial ergonomic activities lab-wide
- Collaboration and partnership among:
  - Environment, Safety, and Health
  - Employee Health Services
  - All Members of the Workforce





# On-Site Evaluations

- The Ergonomic Program at Sandia National Laboratory evaluated tasks performed by Custodial Services in relation to the OS1 Program
- The following activities were evaluated:
  - OS1 Program and Training Demonstration
  - Light Duty Specialist
  - Vacuum Specialist
  - Restroom Specialist
  - Utility Specialist

“Cleaning process results in a  
safer, cleaner, healthier and  
happier working environment”



# OSI Program and Ergonomics

- OS1 Program incorporates lean methodologies with safety and environmental practices as a primary concern
- The concept of team cleaning is key to partner and work together to achieve a common goal
- Equipment and tools
  - Designed with easier functionality
  - Reduce ergonomic stress on the body
  - Engineering focus and standardization across all functions
  - Distribution kits are used daily with specific tools and chemicals for each function
  - Color coding is used to identify equipment, utensils, and cleaning products used by each function





# OSI Program and Ergonomics

- Training is consistent and easy to apply at all levels of application
  - “BOOT CAMP” is a key element of the program
  - Education and training to a standard
  - Safely perform manual handling tasks and good body mechanics to safely use equipment
  - Trained and certified on specialized tasks
- “Cleaning Field Guide” re-enforces consistent techniques and processes
- Team leader involvement encourages cross-learning of best practices within all teams



## Light Duty Specialist

	Item Handled	Frequency	Distance	Force/Weight
Lift:	Office wastebaskets, 2-10 gal., 44-45 gal. trash bag	Frequently	Knee – chest Waist – overhead	5 to 15 lbs.
Carry:	44-55 gal. trash bag	Occasionally	10 ft.	30 to 50 lbs.
Push/Pull:	44 gal. trash barrel on dolly	Frequently	70,000 sq. ft.	5 to 20 lbs.

- Emptying waste baskets into a 44-gallon waste container on a dolly base that is pushed along the route
- Dusting of surface areas
- Wiping down all horizontal and commonly touched surfaces
- Detailing cleaning of sink area and drinking fountains
- Spot cleaning assigned vertical surfaces

# Light Duty Specialist – Best Practices

- Distribution tray containing all needed supplies is readily available and eliminates carrying awkward or bulky items for the task
- Tipping technique for waste container minimizes overexertion for the back and shoulders from lifting vertically
- 36" Nifty Nabber™ tool eliminates stooping to pick-up floor level items
- Large rolling bins reduce stress on the body and minimize bending
- Separated glass by putting it in a smaller trash bag and placing it on the side of the 44-gal waste container for easier disposal





# Vacuum Specialist

	Item Handled	Frequency	Distance	Force/Weight
Lift:	Back-pack vacuum	Limited	Knee – shoulder	12 lbs.
Carry:	Back-pack vacuum	Constantly	10,000 sq. ft.	12 lbs.
Push/Pull:	Vacuum wand	Constantly	4 ft.	12 lbs.

- Core areas vacuumed are:
  - Offices and Conference rooms
  - Computer rooms and Laboratories
  - Hallways and Stairwells
  - Lobby areas
- Additional areas include visible debris on furniture and spot vacuuming non-traffic areas as needed



# Vacuum Specialist – Best Practices

- Backpack vacuum increases mobility and operations
- Edging technique for hallways minimizes back twisting
- Vacuum dance technique reduces ergonomic stress on the back
- Vacuum is stored on a ProTeam Vac-Station that is height adjustable to be positioned within the power zone
- ProTeam Vacuums are ergonomically designed:
  - Harness that has well-padded adjustable shoulder, waist, and chest straps
  - Articulated back pad that swivels with the operator's torso



# Restroom Specialist

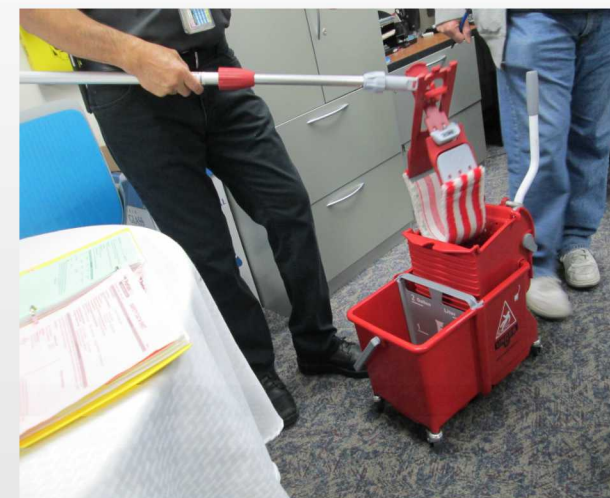
	Item Handled	Frequency	Distance	Force/Weight
Lift:	Refill paper and cleaning supplies, mop bucket, wringer, mop, trash	Occasionally	Waist – shoulder Knee – shoulder	5 to 10 lbs. 10 to 20 lbs.
Carry:	Cleaners and supplies	Occasionally	> 5 ft.	Stocking cart
Push/Pull:	Janitor cart, 21 gal. trash bag	Occasionally	10,000 sq. ft.	Up to 20 lbs.

- Refill all dispensers and empty trash
- Dust restroom top to bottom and sweep floor
- Spray disinfectant and wipe sinks, mirrors, brightwork, doors, dispensers, and other fomites top to bottom
- Scrub, spray, and wipe toilets and urinals
- Disinfect floor



# Restroom Specialist – Best Practices

- Equipment used keeps work within the power zone and eliminates trunk flexion by design
  - 36" Nifty Nabber™ tool
  - Toilet bowl cleaning tools are longer in length
- Pre-measured cleaning solutions eliminate the need to handle awkward or bulky containers for mixing solutions to clean floors or surfaces
- Tools and equipment are designed to be within reach on the utility cart





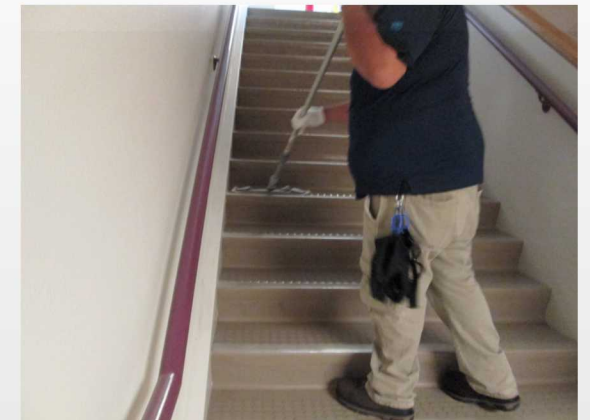
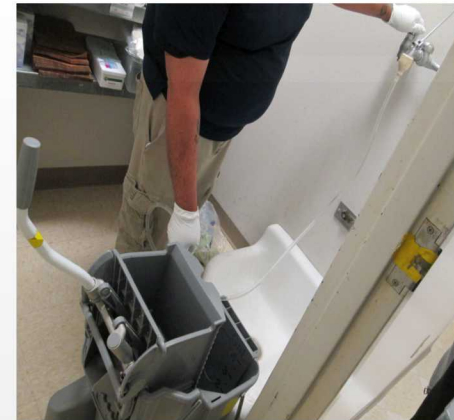
# Utility Specialist

	Item Handled	Frequency	Distance	Force/Weight
Lift:	Large trash bags, vacuum, carpet cleaner and buffer, mop bucket	Frequently	Knee to above shoulder	40 to 50 lbs.
Carry:	Vacuum, cleaning supplies	Occasionally	Up to 10 ft.	Less than 20 lbs.
Push/Pull:	Trash barrel, floor buffer, vacuum, carpet extractor, vacuum wand	Frequently	10,000 sq. ft. 2,000 sq. ft.	30 to 50 lbs. 10 to 20 lbs.

- Wall to wall mopping of hallways and stairs
- Dusting high reach areas
- Detailed cleaning of stairwell surfaces, floors and carpets, lobbies, and elevator tracks
- Additional tasks include restocking and cleaning storage areas, and operating powered floor cleaners and burnishers

## Utility Specialist – Best Practices

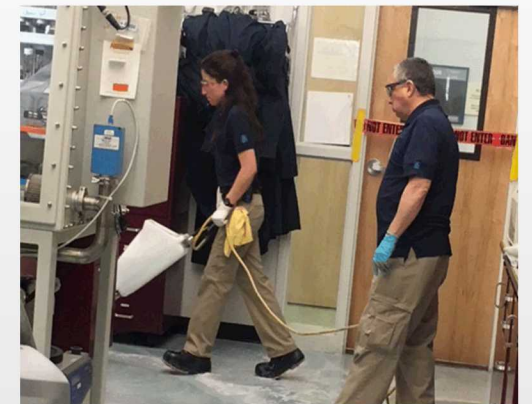
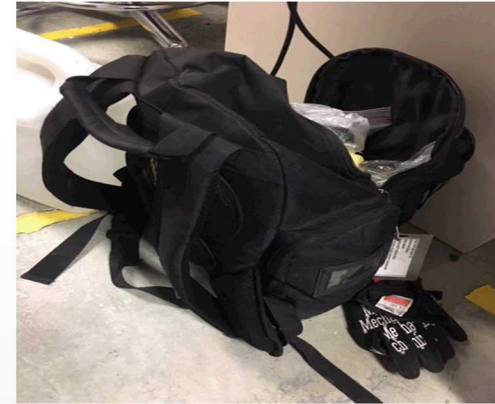
- Point-of-use hose to fill cleaning buckets eliminates lifting the bucket from the sink after filling (~25 lbs.)
- Working from a fixed point below the stairs being cleaned allows for tool handling with an upright neutral back posture
- Flat mop has a telescoping handle that can be adjusted for various heights
- Flat head mop is far lighter vs a string mop, much less force is required to push the flat mop reducing muscle fatigue
- Easy collapse mop head by push button and locking technique by pushing down in a fixed position eliminates trunk flexion





# Utility Specialist – Best Practices

- Dynamic warm-ups performed before and during the activity
- Use of a powered floor cleaner reduces manual handling with a mop
- Rotating tasks and team work throughout the work shift helps to break up work and reduce physical body movements
- Pre-work safety reviews and work area inspections identify areas of concern
- Vacuum used is designed to reduce force on the body and breaks down in pieces to reduce the weight of it during travel and draining of fluids
- Backpack is used to keep tools and needed supplies readily available







Safety Short Video – [ERGO Working Together](#)





“Let’s embark on embracing good work habits and sharing mindful approaches to perform work safely”

# Thank You

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