

Safety inspection in Neo – Skydds rond i Neo

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Safety inspection in Neo

The safety inspection in Neo was done November 21, 23, and 24.

Common issues

Flammables and combustible material

In many labs and offices there are too much flammable material, i.e., ethanol in squeeze bottles and hand/surface disinfectants. These should be put in the fireproof cabinets when not in use. However, this issue is improved compared to previous years.

In some labs there are too many empty cardboard and styrofoam boxes. These may make a fire more severe, so reducing the amount is important. Excess styrofoam boxes should be placed in the recycling rooms.

During the pandemic we have been used to use hand disinfectant at hand. However, the disinfectant is flammable and the amount of flammable is required to be as low as possible. Every desk/person do not need a bottle of disinfectant. According to KI rules, it should be placed in the fireproof cabinet when not in use. That may be a problem for some of the offices. We are investigating a solution to reduce the amount of disinfectant in the offices.

Storage

In many rooms there are a lot of boxes and material placed in less suitable locations. E.g., material is stored on top of fridges/freezers and in some cases, boxes has dropped behind the fridges/freezers. This may hinder the air flow around the fridges/freezers, result in overheating and/or insufficient cooling and may constitute a fire hazard.

A lot of material is also stored on the floor below lab benches and the sink.

Preferrable excess material can be stored in the storage at floor 2, rom 2810. If there is a need for more storage in the lab, please, request shelves above the fridges/freezers or below lab benches and the sink. Send the request to Neo service (Neo.service@biosci.ki.se).

Hazard pictograms

Many cupboard and fridges/freezers used for storing chemicals are still missing the required hazard pictograms. Håkan will take a tour in Neo put these pictograms on where it is required.

Notes from the safety inspection

Attached are the notes from the safety inspection. There is an index of organization units (i.e., groups, sections, ...) and the rooms they are using. This index may not be fully correct. Please notify me if the assigned rooms are not correct or if you are using more rooms than can be found in the index (the index shows only rooms with current issues). More than one group may be assigned to a room. Please be aware that it is the groups responsibility to correct any issues in common areas, i.e., for BioNut, NVS-Neo, and Neo common.

Depending on the severity, the issues should be fixed ASAP or at **latest March 1**. Issues regarding safety equipment and fire hazards should be fixed ASAP.

Summary of checklist answers

Attached is also the summary of the answers from the KI Survey checklist. All departments are combined in this summary with answers from 2021 and 2022.

You may request a pdf with answers from only your organisation unit (BioNut, Clintec, HERM, Lipidlab, MedS, NVS, UF) or group (send the request to me, hakan.ottosson@ki.se).

I suggest that you analyse the checklist summary and discuss some issues at group meeting, or similar. (Some questions are a bit strange. Do not focus on them)