

OHAS Work and Activities

OHAS personnel inspect, advise and train construction crews on the expectations as it regards health and safety not just for personnel but also the environment. Training sessions have been held in phases with construction crews around campus. Constant communication is maintained between OHAS and the project managers. OHAS also investigates complaints made by personnel who may be affected by the activities.



Photo depicts training of the construction personnel

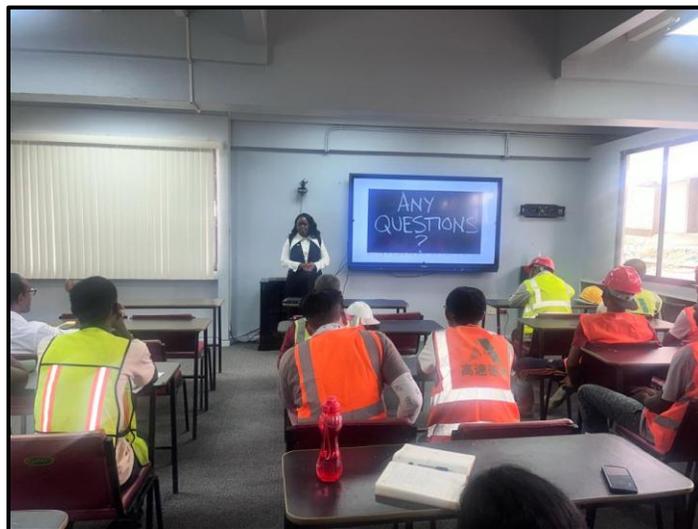


Photo depicts OHAS personnel training the construction personnel and project coordinators

OHAS was able to organize and execute Fire Marshal training for some members of staff in collaboration with the Guyana Fire Service. The training will benefit the University since staff are educated on types of fires, the types of extinguishers, the importance of evacuation plans, how to use the extinguishers and fire alarm systems among other topics. The training included staff from OHAS, the Security Department, Facilities Maintenance Department, IDCE and UGBC.



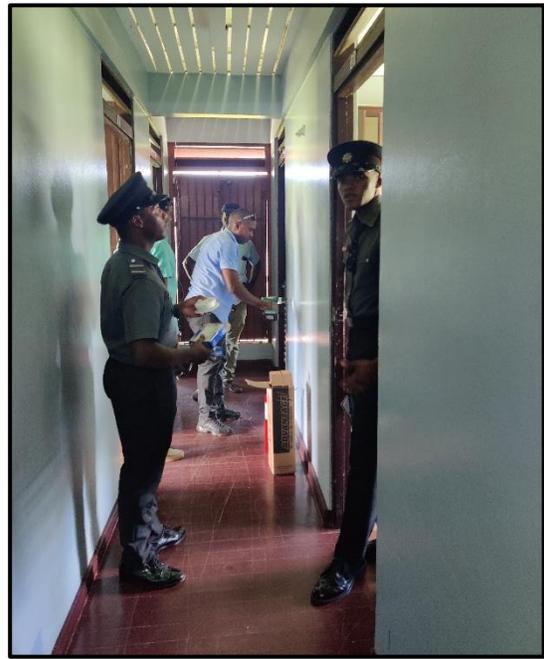
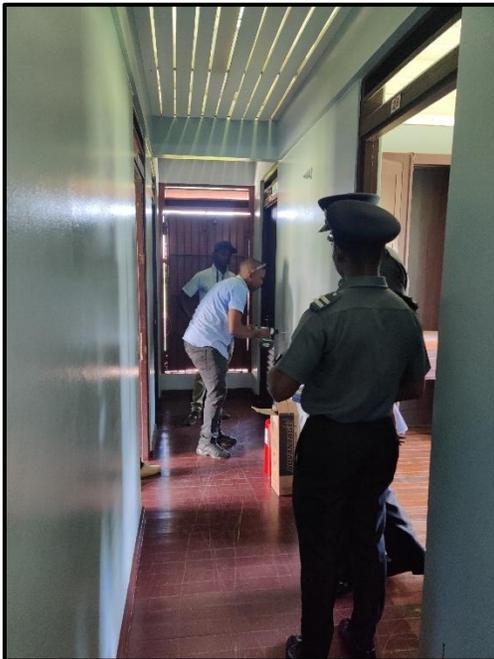
Fire Prevention and Fire equipment upgrades

OHAS organized a walkthrough inspection with the Guyana Fire Service to provide recommendations for the improvement of the University's fire prevention set up and preparedness.

The Guyana Fire Service through Governmental Ministries also provided a few fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and fire balls for the NBS Dormitory.

Later in the year the Ministry of Education provided the University with over 360 new fire extinguishers for around campus. These extinguishers have been collected and checked by OHAS. OHAS has initiated installation of these already starting with the most high-risk areas first and those areas that had no extinguishers before.

OHAS also arranged inspection and cleaning of all fire alarm systems around campus by an external provider during 2023.



The photos above depict the inspection with Guyana Fire Service for Fire preparedness and the installation of some extinguishers



The photo above shows some of the extinguishers provided to the University through the Ministry of Education

Erection of Safety Data Sheet Stations

OHAS along with the assistance of the Facilities Maintenance Department, created, made and mounted Safety Data Sheet stations for all labs of both the Turkeyen and Tain campuses. These stations are not only an OSH law and regulatory body requirement but a necessary tool for persons in the lab to utilise as they interact with the different chemicals.



Photo above shows one of the SDS stations mounted in a lab (lettering only appears odd due to the camera)

Spill kits

OHAS was able to acquire spill kits that meet the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency for the fuel storage areas around campus. The spill kits were donated to the University by S & F Industries; a company owned by a former University student who wished to give back.



Photo above depicts the spill kit handover to an OHAS Officer for the University

Annual Health Fair – Article from the Publicity and Communications Unit DECC

University of Guyana hosts annual Health Fair, Blood Drive— promoting safety and well-being

On Friday, April 29, 2024, the University of Guyana's Department of Occupational Health and Safety, in partnership with UG's Medical Centre and the Ministry of Health, hosted its annual Health Fair at the University's Turkeyen Campus in observance of Occupational Health and Safety Month. This marked the third consecutive year of the health fair. Attendees were provided access to a wide array of services including dental care, reproductive health, adolescent health, chronic health nutrition, vaccination, VIA/Pap Smear, and more.



Mrs. Sanasha Inniss-July, Special Projects and Training Coordinator from the Department of Occupational Health and Safety, front, along with other UG staff.

"We are happy about the participation of the students and staff of the University of Guyana," stated Mrs. Sanasha Inniss-July, Special Projects and Training Coordinator from the Department of Occupational Health and Safety. She emphasised the university community's enthusiastic embrace of the event, noting the diverse participation among staff and students.



UG's Staff and Student taking advantage of the dental service at the annual Health Fair

Mrs. Inniss-July underscored the department's dual focus on safety and health, explaining the rationale behind hosting the health fair during Occupational Health and Safety Month. "It is essential not only to promote safety but also to prioritise good health for effective functioning at work, home, and in the community," she remarked.

OOHAS organized and facilitated First Aid/AED/CPR training sessions. Personnel from various departments and faculties took part in the sessions and became certified first aiders.



Photos above are a few shots from the First Aid/AED/CPR Training

In observance of Occupational Health and Safety Month, OOHAS has also facilitated a 'Scavenger Hunt'. Personnel were given clues to identify key safety and health equipment, notices and signs around campus so as to foster more awareness.



The photo above depicts participants of the scavenger hunt around the Turkeyen campus