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2. It is strongly advised that fashion accessories be removed and those with long hair be neatly tied or clipped (or a head cover worn) to avoid any hinderence with any equipment or work procedures.

3. Buddy up and be accountable.

4. DO NOT take “short cuts” your life or limb may be cut short.

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As investigations are still pending by Yale, unanswered questions include:

1. Was Dufault’s hair tied back or contained in a safety hair cap?
2. Was she alone when she started work or when the incident happened?
3. How long did the incident pass before being found?
4. Was her work done cleared by her supervisors?

Still no matter how careful, accidents can and do happen.

“[Dufault] was a careful person with plenty of common sense, but sometimes accidents do happen,” said the student, who wished to remain anonymous due to the sensitive nature of the situation.

1) http://thelinkpaper.ca/?p=6524
5) http://medicine.nus.edu.sg/os/safety/In-House_Safety_Rules_Regulations-1.0-2010-09.pdf
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Who will be the next “winner” of the best feedback?

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### Internal SMS Document Review 3
- Submit to Diana/Irene
- 26 April 2011 6pm

### Internal Document Review 3 Discussion
- Reviewers will meet by 4 May 2011

### Internal Audit of PI-based Labs and SMS
- Schedule for 23-27 May 2011

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**Upcoming Dates for the Lab OH&S MS Certification**

**Everything Ready!**

- **Application and Document Submission to OSHE**
  - 13-17 June 2011

**Lab. Occ. Health & Safety Management System Audit Dates**

- The Department Safety Committee met with OSHE and PIs to discuss the certification roadmaps and timelines.
- Respective PIs have nominated their respective Safety Leads who are encouraged to attend the “Risk Management for Laboratories” course and “Lab. OH&S - Internal Audit Workshop”.
- See Upcoming Dates below.

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**Feed Us with your Feedback - “we are still hungry”**

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