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## UCSF Campus Notice

**Date:** April 15, 2000  
**From:** Environmental Health and Safety Office  
**Subject:** New Safety Legislation

Assembly Bill 1127 authored by Assembly member Steinberg was signed into law by California Governor Gray Davis on October 6, 1999 and became effective January 1, 2000. This law eliminates the exemption for government agencies such as UCSF from paying Cal-OSHA fines for occupational safety and health violations.

Fines for such violations can be substantial:

- Non-serious violations are assessed up to \$7,000 per occurrence.
- Serious violations are assessed at up to \$25,000 per occurrence.
- Willfull or repeated violations are assessed between \$5,000 and \$70,000 per occurrence.
- Jail time can also be involved with certain violations.

Examples of non-serious violations include failure to provide employee training, blocked aisle ways and walkways, use of extension cords in lieu of permanent wiring, and most of all, not having a written injury and illness prevention program (IIPP). Serious violations are conditions that may cause serious employee injury or death. Examples are exposed conductors in an electrical panel, fall hazards, chemical exposure above Cal/OSHA permissible limits, or asbestos exposure during construction projects.

Please be sure that you have a written updated IIPP in your department that is available to the employees. If a Cal/OSHA inspector shows up unannounced in your area, please call EH&S immediately to assist you with the inspection. If you have health and safety questions, please contact your Departmental Safety Advisor (DSA) or call EH&S at 476-1300 for assistance.

