



## **WORKPLACE SAFETY ALERT**

**Human Resources  
Occupational Health and Safety**

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**Decanting of Hazardous Chemicals into Small Containers**

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An accidental exposure to a hazardous chemical prompted Occupational Health and Safety to issue this Hazard Alert.

A University employee transferred a hazardous chemical from a large container into a 500 millilitre drinking water bottle, then affixed a Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (WHMIS) label on the bottle. Later on, the employee accidentally consumed some of the hazardous chemical thinking it was drinking water.

Occupational Health and Safety reminds all University employees of the following:

- Do not decant hazardous materials into drinking water bottles or any other container associated with normal food consumption
- Do not store food or drinks near hazardous materials
- The Ministry of Labour Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations prohibit the consumption of food and drinks in areas containing hazardous materials.