



TUNNELS

run under campus for nearly 4 miles. The tunnels are crucial for the distribution, maintenance, and repair of utilities such as electrical, chilled water, and steam. Central Power Station (CPS) monitors the tunnels 24/7 and manages their entry. Potential hazards within the tunnels include: high temperatures, electrical components, pests, sewage, hot pipes, compressed steam and gas, asbestos material, and permit confined spaces. The University manages the Utility Tunnel Safety Program to oversee the safety of individuals accessing the tunnels.

PROGRAM STEPS:

- CPS will control entry and exit of the tunnels.
- A safety assessment will be completed prior to submitting a TWAR (tunnel work authorization request) for non-CPS related work.
- Confined space entry or hot work permits may be required depending on the work.
- Entrants will complete training and check-in with the CRO (control room operator) before entering.
- Authorized entrants will wear PPE, carry a UO radio, and not travel alone.
- Hazards or emergencies will be reported to the CRO.
- Entrants will confirm exit with the CRO.

WHAT TO DO!

- Visit safety.uoregon.edu to see the Utility Tunnel Safety Program. Contact CPS for training (541-346-2384).
- Obtain any permits prior to entry!
- Wear all PPE and a UO radio.
- Check-in with the CRO when entering and exiting.
- Follow all safety requirements and evacuation calls!
- Report injuries to your supervisor immediately.
- Report safety hazards and emergencies to the CRO!
- In an emergency, **911** and **UOPD** (541-346-2919) will be contacted!



Complete training and permits prior to entry!



Watch out for hazards!



Notify the CRO after exiting!

