

# Spotlight On Safety

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## Eye & Face Protection for Lab Workers

Everyone working in labs on campus is required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure/ injury. Follow the guidelines below for a safer work environment.



### *Eye and Face Protection*

- Protective devices must be worn in locations where there is a risk of injury to the face or eyes
- Eye and face protection requirements are identified by completion of the Laboratory Hazard Assessment Tool (LHAT) by the PI or lab manager. Based on the hazards in the individual laboratory, the LHAT will determine what type of eyewear will be required. Each individual in the lab is required to review the LHAT for that laboratory and schedule a time for a fitting with EH&S. <https://ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/lhat>
- When laboratory procedures require the use of eye/ face protection, everyone in the laboratory (even if wearing glasses/contacts) must wear the required protective devices (goggles/ face shield)
- Since laser eyewear is dependent on the wavelength of the laser being used, please refer to the UCR Laser safety website: <https://ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/laser>.

### *Special Considerations for Contact Lens Users*

- Don't handle or store contact lenses in labs or areas where chemical, biohazard or radiological materials are used/ stored
- Don't insert contacts in areas where chemical, biohazard or radiological materials are used/ stored
- Certain chemicals should not be used when wearing contact lenses - contact EH&S at 951-827-5528 for recommendations on appropriate eye protection if you need advice about wearing contact lenses in areas where chemicals are stored/ used
- You must inform the supervisor and co-workers if you wear contact lenses

For more information, visit [www.ehs.ucr.edu](http://www.ehs.ucr.edu) or call 951-827-5528.