

UCR Laboratory Safety Rules

1. Familiarize yourself with the lab, location and operation of the safety features (exits, fire extinguishers, safety showers, eye wash facility, and first aid and spill kits) and [record](#) this.
2. Complete and record [training](#) on all aspects of lab safety relevant to your work prior to beginning potentially hazardous activities and when changes are made to the procedures.
3. Wear appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as: approved gloves, safety glasses or goggles, lab coat or apron, long pants that cover your ankles, and closed-toe shoes that cover your entire foot. PPE requirements will be designated by the hazards associated with the lab space.
4. Work in properly-ventilated areas and in a safe manner according to Standard Operating Procedures.
5. Do not eat, drink, chew gum, smoke, or apply makeup while working in laboratory spaces where chemical, radioactive, or biological hazards are present.
6. [Store all chemicals](#) and other hazardous materials according to California State Law and UCR policy. Know your chemical compatibilities/incompatibilities, stability, shelf life and recommended storage conditions. Refer to Lab Safety Manuals for additional information on working with hazardous materials in lab.
7. [Dispose of all laboratory waste](#) in the correct manner in accordance with UCR policy. There are specific protocols for chemicals, contaminated and broken glass and plastic, sharps, radioactive isotopes and biological agents.
8. Know how to respond properly in an [emergency](#). Clean up all [spills](#) safely and promptly, and report them to the PI/Lab Supervisor and EH&S. If unsure how to safely clean up a spill, ask PI/Lab Supervisor or EH&S for assistance.
9. [Report](#) to Lab Supervisor and EH&S of all incidents (spills, splashes, fires, etc.), injuries, and accidents, right away, even if the incident seems small or unimportant.
10. Report to PI/Lab Supervisor of any unsafe conditions in the laboratory as soon as possible.

Please contact EH&S at (951) 827-5528 or visit ehs.ucr.edu if you have any questions.