

Spotlight On Safety

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HEALTH & SAFETY HAZARDS

A Student's Right to Know

Students have a right to be informed about hazards they may encounter while pursuing their education and what measures to take to protect themselves. According to campus policy, all UCR employees and students must receive information and training about chemical, biological, radiological, and physical hazards. Materials or equipment that presents health/ safety hazards may be found in the lab, shop, or studio classes.

Materials

- Students/ personnel must be informed of chemical hazards and necessary precautions of used substances (cleaning agents, paints, photographic chemicals, art materials, automotive supplies, and photocopier products may also contain hazardous substances)
- Departments are responsible for maintaining a file of Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) for hazardous substances used, and for displaying the poster “Material Safety Data Sheets and Chemical Emergencies” where chemicals are used or stored
- Supervisors/ investigators who use biological agents, recombinant DNA molecules, radioactive materials, and radiation-producing machines for research/ teaching must ensure everyone receives training in possible hazards, precautionary measures and protective clothing requirements
- Students who must work in areas with physical hazards (equipment- power supplies) must receive instruction and protective equipment

Supervisor's Responsibilities

- Discuss health/ safety precautions, protective equipment, and emergency measures at the beginning of each quarter (EH&S can provide literature/ audiovisual materials)
- Review general safety precautions for lab, shop, and studio classes
- Explain the content and use of MSDSs for substances used by students in the class
- Display the poster [UCR Lab Waste Disposal Requirements](#) (a copy must be displayed in each teaching lab, shop, or studio - can be ordered from EH&S)
- Refer to EH&S **Spotlight on Safety** (copies are available by request through EH&S or by downloading from the website)
- Seek more information when necessary – Call EH&S for additional resources

EH&S offers an online Laboratory Safety Fundamentals training course, the training is designed for anyone who works in the lab or conducts lab experiments as part of a class or job. You may access the online training in the UCR Learning Center www.ucrlearning.ucr.edu or visit www.ehs.ucr.edu/training for additional information.

Contact EH&S at 951-827-5528 or ehs@ucr.edu if you have any questions.