UCOP Laboratory Safety Policies

UC is making a major commitment to improve laboratory safety.
UC Davis is joining all other UC campuses and medical centers in implementing new systemwide safety policies. By maintaining proper workplace safety standards, we protect our staff and students, and also the integrity of UC Davis research.

Our policies cover three areas:

For all research laboratories, a hazard assessment must be completed to determine required PPE for entry into the laboratory and when handling hazardous materials.

All required PPE must be worn at all times when use or storage of hazardous materials occurs or a physical hazard exists. No Exceptions!

- Long pants or equivalent that covers ankles
- Closed shoes (heel and toe)
- Lab coat (Must be flame resistant if flammable materials are in use.)
- Safety Eyewear

Read the PPE Policy. [1]
Effective March 31, 2014.
All personnel who work in a research laboratory must complete the Fundamentals of Laboratory Safety Training before entering a lab.

Support staff, such as maintenance, custodial, and administrative staff, must also complete the Laboratory Safety Training for Support Staff. EH&S will start providing this instructor-led course in March 2013.

Read the training policy. [2]
Effective October 31, 2013.

This policy governs the presence of minors in any University laboratory, shop, or vivaria that uses hazardous chemicals, biohazardous or infectious materials, radioactive materials or radiation-producing equipment, or where there are physical hazards including (but not limited to) compressed gases, high voltage, extreme temperatures, excessive noise, or lasers.

The policy does not apply to students enrolled in courses listed in a campus course catalog having a laboratory component or in any of the University of California’s educational outreach programs. Outreach programs include students working on science fair projects and other campus or department sponsored events in which minors are participating as part of a larger group.

This policy applies to all minors involved in summer internships, volunteering in research projects and participating in scheduled assignment in a laboratory setting.

This policy sets restrictions on minors’ participation based on age ranges. Minors under the age of 14 are not permitted in University of California laboratories or shops, except when participating in an approved and supervised tour. This prohibition extends to the minor children related to laboratory personnel.

Read UC Davis PPM 290-32: Minors in University Facilities for more information [3]

Read the minors in labs systemwide policy [4]
Effective October 31, 2013

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External links

1. UC Center for Laboratory Safety (UCCLS)[6]
2. UC San Diego Laboratory Safety Videos[7]

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