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.

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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7. Laboratory Safety Manual
8. Pregnancy and Reproductive Hazards in the Workplace: Chemical and Radiological Hazards
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External links

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