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EH&S Research Support

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The purpose of this document is to assist research personnel in achieving a safe, healthy, and compliant workplace. For details, refer to the Laboratory Safety Manual.

	You need to
Have Questions About Setting Up A Laboratory	Visit the EH&S Laboratory web page.
Have A Laboratory Or Oversee Research	 Complete the Laboratory Check-In Form for new laboratory employees. Ensure that all personnel complete required EH&S training, receive appropriate laboratory specific training, and that all training is documented. Ensure that all personnel complete an online Hazard Inventory. Comply with federal, state, and local regulations and university policies outlined in the Laboratory Safety Manual. Develop written Standard Operating Procedures, including minimum personal protective equipment (PPE). Post hazard related and informational signage on the outside of the laboratory door. Acquire necessary permits, licenses, or registrations (human/animal/plant pathogens, radiological materials and devices). Perform a lab safety survey of your laboratory annually. Request a lab safety survey to be completed by EH&S personnel. Develop and post an Emergency Action Plan to prepare for fire, spills, severe weather, or campus emergencies. Report all accidents, injuries, and exposures by completing an incident report via the ISU incident portal.
Work With Chemicals Use Ethanol	 Enter chemical inventory into the EH&S Chemical Inventory database. Ensure employee has access to safety data sheets (SDS). Ensure EH&S has certified fume hood(s) annually. Review Waste and Recycling Guidelines. Contact EH&S to establish a hazardous waste Satellite Accumulation Area(s) in your laboratory. Request removal of unwanted laboratory materials (waste). Label all chemicals used or stored in the laboratory with full chemical name(s), signal word, and associated hazards. Ensure eyewash and safety showers have been inspected, are in working order, and are accessible. Lab personnel are required to document monthly flushing of the eyewashes. If using ethanol, complete Tax-fee Ethanol training through Learn@ISU to become registered user.
Work With Radioactive Materials, Radiation Devices, Lasers	Submit an application to become an authorized user at least eight weeks prior to initiating research.
Work With Biological Agents Work With Animals	 Submit Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) application for work with recombinant or synthetic nucleic acids, human/plant/animal pathogens, or infectious materials. Enter biological inventory into the EH&S Biological Inventory database. Contact EH&S PRIOR to the acquisition or transfer of any Select Agents. Ensure biosafety cabinet(s) has been certified annually. Submit Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) application when working with research animals.
Work With Nanoscale Materials	Complete Nanotechnology Safety training through Learn@ISU.
Work with Shop Equipment	 Review the Shops webpage for information on machine and physical hazards. Complete Shop Safety training through Learn@ISU.
Have Unwanted Laboratory Equipment	 Forward a completed Laboratory Equipment Disposal Form to EH&S. EH&S will inspect the equipment and authorize transfer or disposal through ISU Surplus. Ensure the unwanted equipment has been cleaned/disinfected.
Receive, Ship, Provide For Shipment, Or Transport Hazardous Materials	 Complete Hazardous Material Shipping Awareness training through Learn@ISU_to become an authorized shipper. Follow packaging, labeling, and paperwork procedures outlined in the Hazardous Materials Shipping Guide. Contact EH&S at least one week in advance of shipment for materials that have not been shipped before.