

University of Rochester Laboratory Safety Introduction

Welcome to the University of Rochester! Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is excited to partner with you to help ensure that your laboratory is a safe working environment and compliant with university, state, and federal regulations.

To get started, please visit the EH&S Laboratory Safety Unit's [New Principal Investigator](#) Webpage. Here you will find the information needed to set up your lab safely and commission your new space. There are several required documents regarding door and equipment signage, safety equipment, and waste. The goal is to get your lab up and running as quickly as possible. To guide you along your way, we have created the [New PI Checklist](#).

Highlights:

- All members working in the lab (investigators, lab staff, and students) MUST complete [Laboratory Safety Training](#) **PRIOR** to beginning research.
- Register your Lab with [Chematix](#). Chematix is the University's web-based platform that handles chemical inventories, EH&S laboratory inspections, and chemical hazardous waste disposal.
- Our departmentally assigned [EH&S Lab Safety Specialist](#) is available to answer questions about the potential risks presented by your research and provide necessary compliance information.

For Investigators whose research will require Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) approval (BSL2, NIH Guidelines for Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules), approval must be secured **PRIOR** to beginning research. See the IBC website for a [One-Page Summary](#) of experiments and the approval process.

For researchers who will conduct animal research, all protocols must be submitted to the University Committee on Animal Resources (UCAR). See the [UCAR](#) website for their policies and regulations.

For researchers using radiological materials, please contact the [EH&S Radiation Safety Unit](#) at (585) 275-3781 for more information.

Once you are ready to begin work, contact your departmentally assigned [EH&S Lab Safety Specialist](#) to complete your initial Laboratory Safety Inspection. They will arrange a time with you to answer any remaining safety-related questions and walk through your lab space.

We look forward to working with you to provide a safe research environment. Thank you,

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