

CI Specific Safety Information

The on-line lab safety training covers standard types of lab work. You will also need training on specific hazards in the laboratory where you will work; the person managing the lab will provide that training when you start work.

You have several campus resources for safety

There are many hazards associated with lab work. Government agencies have written regulations to protect lab workers and the environment from these hazards. The campus Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) office is responsible for lab safety oversight and developing a written campus lab safety plan (i.e. Chemical Hygiene Plan, CHP) in conformance with those regulations. The CHP describes generally how hazardous chemicals must be purchased, handled and disposed. This Plan is available on the campus web site, or at the EH&S office (X-3550). Safety questions can often be answered by referring to the CHP. Safety questions or concerns can also be directed to the EH&S office.

Chemical Hygiene Officers are persons who are generally responsible for implementation of lab safety within their department. They can help with safety questions. Blake Gillespie (X-2796) fills this role for Chemistry. Biology currently does not have this role filled.

Safety coordinators are technical staff who can help with questions and implementation of safe practices. Programs in Biology (Jessyka Dalton), Chemistry (Scott Duffer) and Art (Ivan Grooms) each have a safety coordinator.

Your professor is responsible for safety within your lab. One of their important responsibilities is to identify the hazards in your particular work and inform you on how to avoid those hazards. He/she will provide you this additional safety information before you start work.

Safety Data Sheets are available either in your lab, on-line, or in the prep rooms. Read these and know the chemical hazards associated with your work.

Emergency?

Tell your professor/supervisor or Dial 911. We have a 24/7/365 Dispatch center and EMT trained Police Officers on duty for all emergencies. They can provide help for you within minutes.

You have responsibilities for safety

You must participate in training, follow safety rules, use protective clothing and safety equipment as directed, and report any concerns or incidents to your supervisor.

Please sign below to acknowledge you have read this information and bring this signed form to your supervisor. Thank you.

Your Name _____ Signature _____