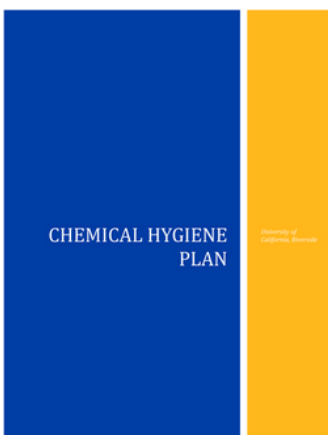


12 MONTHS OF RESEARCH SAFETY AUGUST 2022

CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN



The Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) establishes a formal written program for keeping workers safe in laboratories with hazardous materials. It outlines best practices for workers, and requirements for supervisors and the university to provide for workers in their areas. The CHP includes sections on identifying chemical hazards, protecting yourself from exposure, training requirements, hazardous waste management, and accident response, among others. Regularly reviewing and referencing the CHP is an effective way to make sure you are staying safe while working in a lab.

What Changed in the Latest Version?

The Chemical Hygiene Plan is reviewed on an annual basis. Most changes to the CHP are minor, such as clarifying language or adding examples. Occasionally major changes to policy are included to stay up to date with the latest guidance. For the 2022 revision, policy on contact lenses in the laboratory has changed. The new policy allows for contact lenses *with PI approval* in most laboratory environments. Contact lenses and prescription glasses are not protective equipment, and safety glasses or splash goggles must be used in lab environments. For more information and to understand the requirements and limitations, review "Contact Lenses in the Laboratory" in Chapter 4 of the CHP.



Review and Sign

All people working in a lab should be aware of the contents of the Chemical Hygiene Plan. Plan is online at <https://ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/chp>, use the QR code to review on your phone. Plan is also available in printable PDF format. Supervisors should have their workers sign an [acknowledgement form](#) confirming that they have reviewed the CHP on an annual basis, forms should be kept in the Lab Safety Manual for future reference.

Review the
CHP online



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