

# 12 MONTHS OF RESEARCH SAFETY

# **CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN**

## What is the Chemical Hygiene Plan?



The Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) establishes a formal written program for protecting laboratory workers from health and safety concerns while working in a laboratory environment. The CHP summarizes regulatory and best practice guidance into a single document, which outlines how to work safely with chemicals at UCR.

## Why is it important?

Employees have a right to be informed about the hazards associated with the chemicals in their work environment. They also should understand what equipment, practices, and procedures the university requires, or recommends, in order to protect themselves and the environment from chemical exposure.

## 2024 Updates and Sign Off

The Chemical Hygiene Plan is reviewed on an annual basis by the campus Chemical Hygiene Officer, and updates are made as needed when regulations, policies, and best practices affecting chemical work change. When updates are made, lab workers should review the document and sign off that they acknowledge. Acknowledgement forms should be stored in the Lab Safety Manual. For 2024, information about the Lab Safety Contact program, PPE laundering, cryogen safety training materials were added, and information about the lab safety evaluation program was updated. A summary of all updates is available on the CHP website.



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## Questions?