



Laboratory & Research Safety

This is not a comprehensive guide or replacement for proper training and awareness. Get all resources and full guides on laboratory and workplace safety at go.sjsu.edu/EHS.

General Guidelines

- Be aware that many materials and equipment in a lab environment are potentially harmful if you are not properly trained on how to work with them.
- Only use approved material within controlled environments (laboratories, field experiments, etc.) and in alignment with departmental or college guidance.
- If you are touring or visiting a laboratory and are not an active participant or student in the research or work being conducted there, do not touch, open, inhale, ingest or interact with any substance, device or tool.
- **Review all laboratory safety protocols including Standard Operating Procedures at go.sjsu.edu/EHS.**

Personal Protection

- Principal Investigators (PI) are responsible for conducting hazard assessments relative to their research environment to determine the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that will be required for their laboratory or field environment. That resource can be found online at csu.risksafety.solutions/assessment
- As a general rule for all persons entering a laboratory or research environment, review the hazard disclosure sheets posted at lab entrance doors. Do not enter if you do not have all the required PPE mentioned on that disclosure.

Get Complete Assistance from EH&S

- While each college and department will have its respective or specific safety guidelines, all laboratory, research, workplace and classroom safety standards on campus are managed by and under the authority of **Environmental Health and Safety**, a unit of Facilities Development and Operations.
- Email EH&S at ehs@sjsu.edu.
- Visit the EH&S website at go.sjsu.edu/EHS.