Laboratory and Research Safety Training (Initial):
Supplemental Information, Updates, and Errata

This errata page includes supplemental information, updates, and modifications to the initial Laboratory and Research Safety Training modules since their development. This includes information for lab safety needs at University Park and all other Commonwealth locations.

Module 1. Introduction to Safety
- The EHS website is ehs.psu.edu.
- The current staff directory is at https://ehs.psu.edu/ehs-directory.
- For Commonwealth Campuses, the regional EHS coordinators are:
  - Pete Muldoon: Altoona, Dubois, Harrisburg
  - Joe Mazzoni: Berks, Hazleton, Lehigh Valley, Schuylkill, Wilkes-Barre, Worthington-Scranton
  - Julia Toth: Abington, Brandywine, Dickinson, Great Valley, Harrisburg, Mont Alto, York
  - Brandi Baros: Beaver, Erie-Behrend, Fayette, Greater Allegheny, New Kensington, Shenango
- For lab safety questions, call 814-865-6391 or email ehslabsafety@psu.edu.
- All safety policies are listed at https://policy.psu.edu/policies#Safety.
- FROI – is now First Report of Injury – and is available via WorkLion under the HR Tools. It must be filled out by your department Safety Officer, Human Resources staff, or other designated people for your work unit or campus.
- Accidents involving employees should be reported through the HR Workers Compensation process while accidents involving students should be reported following Policy SY03 using the Incident Form from Risk Management.
- If you have a safety concern, or want to report a near-miss or other incident that did not result in an injury (and thus a FROI), please either call EHS at 814-865-6391 or report it at https://ehs.psu.edu/contact-us.

Module 2. Chemical Safety
- MSDSes are now SDSes. See the Laboratory and Research Safety Plan for additional details.
- If you need assistance shipping a package containing dry ice or other hazardous materials, please contact us at 814-865-6391 or email hazmatship@psu.edu.

Module 3. Laboratory Waste Disposal
- Hazardous (chemical) waste:
  - At University Park, chemical waste pick up requests should be submitted using the links on this page: https://ehs.psu.edu/waste-disposal.
  - At Commonwealth Campuses, waste pick-ups are normally scheduled at the end of fall and spring terms. If you need a special pick-up, please contact your Regional EHS Coordinator.
- Infectious (biological) waste:
• At University Park, Regulated Medical Waste is picked up on a regular schedule: https://ehs.psu.edu/infectious-waste-management/university-park-infectious-waste-pickup-schedule. If your building or location is not on that list, use this pick up request form: https://ehs.psu.edu/infectious-waste-pick-form.


• Lion Surplus equipment disposal information and form: https://ehs.psu.edu/chemical-and-hazardous-waste-management/requirementsguidelines.

• Battery disposal: http://sustainability.psu.edu/batteries.

• Lamps/ballasts/ mercury or PCB-containing capacitors, etc.:
  • At University Park, complete a chemical waste pick up request (see above).
  • At Commonwealth Campuses, contact Campus Maintenance, as they collect bulbs, ballasts, etc. for recycling.

• Ethidium Bromide disposal: https://ehs.psu.edu/sites/ehs/files/ethidium_bromide_disposal_2019.docx

Module 4. Emergency Preparedness

• Know at least two ways out of your lab, in case the nearest exit is blocked. Also know the Designated Meeting Site for your building.

• To schedule fire extinguisher training:
  • At University Park, call 814-865-6391 and ask for Steve Triebold.
  • At Commonwealth Campuses, contact your Regional EHS Coordinator.

Final Review. Final stage of initial lab safety training

• At Commonwealth Campuses, the in-person portion is typically conducted by either the lab PI or the department/campus Lab Safety Officer.

• At University Park, the in-person final review portion has been eliminated. Follow the directions on the training page to submit your four prerequisite certificates.