Laboratory Safety

The health, safety and well-being of both the University community and the environment are of utmost importance to the University. Being a research intensive institution with diverse science-based programs, laboratory environments are plentiful throughout the main and satellite campuses. As such laboratory personnel including employees, students and visitors are exposed to potential hazards unique to laboratory settings and hazardous materials each and every day.

The University's Laboratory Safety Officer, Alicja Zachertowska may be contacted by email [1] or by phone 519 824 4120 ext. 54270.

Components of the Lab Safety program include the following:

- **Laboratory Safety Manual** [2] – designed to provide guidance and minimum standards related to the identification, assessment and control of typical hazards found in laboratory settings.

- **Laboratory Safety Training** [3] - designed to provide a solid foundation of lab safety for those individuals working in or supervising laboratory activities. Offered as an in-class training session as well as an online training module.

- **Laboratory Inspections Criteria** [4] - designed to identify and assess the hazards of specific laboratories and ensure that appropriate steps are taken to effectively control such hazards. Inspections will be completed by an EHS representative on a continuous basis.

**Laboratory Emergency Response**

- [Laboratory Emergency Response Procedures](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-emergency-response-procedures) [5]
- [Laboratory Spill Response - Chemical, Biological, Radiological](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-spill-response-chemical-biological-radiological) [6]

**Fume hoods**

[Fume hoods](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/system/files/LS%20program%20included_.pdf) [7] - information on fume hood operation, performance and the University of Guelph inspection program

**Hazardous Waste**

[Hazardous Waste Disposal](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-inspections-criteria) [8] - information regarding University of Guelph Main Campus disposal procedures

**Transportation of Dangerous Goods**

[Transportation of Dangerous Goods](https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-emergency-response-procedures) [9] - information regarding training as well as general TDG requirements

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Links

[1] mailto:lab.safety@uoguelph.ca
[4] https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-inspections-criteria
[5] https://www.uoguelph.ca/hr/laboratory-emergency-response-procedures
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