Lab Audit Response Time

When findings are included on a lab audit report, a written response detailing the corrective action taken (or planned in the case of larger projects) is required within 10 business days of receipt of the report. Learn more about the Lab Audit Process.

Handling Antimicrobial or Investigational New Drugs

Appropriate handling, administration, personal protective equipment, and waste disposal techniques are crucial for safe handling. Learn more about Antimicrobial and Investigational New Drugs — page not found.

Reporting Requirements

You must report any of the following lab incidents IMMEDIATELY:

- Explosions: Any type of explosion (i.e., caused by heat, pressure, chemical, etc.), contact 911 as an EHS Duty Officer can assist and secure the scene.
- Fires: Large or small. For fires call 911 or use the fire alarm for the building.
- Bio — involving biological materials, e.g., accidental aerosol transmission, spills, the release of a virus, etc. Contact ehsbio@ucsd.edu.
- Injury — e.g., needle sticks, chemical burn, etc. Report immediately (e.g., burns, dressings, bandages materials released).

Report Safety Concerns / Near Misses

Report non-emergency and non-injury safety concerns, near misses and EH&S Department feedback to the Lab Notes Form A & B: https://www.ehs.ucsd.edu/biohazard-training/safety-news-forms.html

Sharps Shortage

Many sharps containers are on back-order due to the increased sharps waste production at vaccination locations. Procurement sourced a list of additional sharps containers with good availability.

The Research Safety Buyer’s Guide has been updated to include the order form. For additional information, visit How to Dispose of Sharps - page not found.

Minors in Labs

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Lab Trash and Dumps

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Learn more about Waste Management rules.

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COVID-19 Training

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Fire Alarms in Labs

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