

# Lab Notes

SAFETY NEWS FOR UC SAN DIEGO RESEARCHERS

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## 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 Antineoplastic or Investigational New Drugs

Appropriate handling, administration, personal protective equipment, and waste disposal techniques are crucial for safe handling. Learn more about [Antineoplastic and Investigational New Drugs Requirements](#).

## Reporting Requirements

You must report any of the following lab incidents **IMMEDIATELY**:

- **Explosions**- Any type of explosion (e.g., caused by heat, pressure, chemical, etc.), contact 911 so a EH&S Duty Officer can assist and secure the scene.
- **Fires** - small or large. For fires call 911 or [use this form](#) if the fire department is not needed.
- **Bio** - incident involving biological materials, e.g., accidental aerosol transmission, spills, the release of a virus, etc. Contact [ehsbio@ucsd.edu](mailto:ehsbio@ucsd.edu).
- **Injury** - e.g., needle sticks, chemical burn, etc. [Report a work-related injury, illness, or hazardous material exposure](#).

## Report Safety Concerns / Near Misses

Report non-emergency and non-injury safety concerns, near misses and EH&S department feedback [using this form](#).

## 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 information. For additional information, visit [How to Dispose of Sharps](#).

Remember, the following sharps containers **should NOT be used for biohazard or medical sharps**:

- **Yellow** - [Trace chemotherapeutic waste](#)
- **Green** - [Nonhazardous sharps waste](#)
- **Blue or white** - with a blue lid for [pharmaceutical waste](#) and disposal of unused or expired pharmaceuticals. (They cannot contain [controlled substances](#).)

## Research & Animal Settings

Avoid delay in processing your access! Use the NEW, correct Health Questionnaire [Form A & B](#) when working in research animal settings.

## My Research Safety (MRS) Newest Reporting Features

Instantly generate a [PI Profile Report](#) and/or [Lab Safety Action Item Summary Report](#). This robust tool provides a comprehensive look at your lab's roster, compliance, authorizations, and more!

## PPE Fitting Calendar

Schedule in-person [PPE Office fittings by appointment only](#). Virtual fittings are also available online. Please speak with your supervisor and ensure that you have been added to the [LHAT \(Laboratory Hazard Assessment Tool\)](#) prior to scheduling an appointment or filling out the Online PPE Fitting Form.

## Minors in Labs

As we begin summer activities, **children are not allowed to be in lab spaces unless they have been approved**. Follow the [Minors in the Lab Policy](#) and the guidelines outlined in [Safe Supervision of Minors at UCSD](#).

## Lab Trash and Dumpsters

Dumpsters on university property are for trash generated on campus. Typically, custodians place trash into the dumpster; however, if you are cleaning out a room, you may deposit some items yourself. **Do not overfill the dumpster or place items such as pallets, chemicals and paint, crates, computer and electronic equipment, or large scrap metal in the dumpster.**

Learn more about [Waste Management on campus](#).

## Go Green!

Labs can reduce their footprints without compromising research quality or safety. This team-based approach focuses on minimizing the use of energy, water, and materials while improving efficiency.

The [UC San Diego Green Labs program](#) engages laboratory faculty, staff and students in performing assessments, **reducing waste and improving recycling, replacing inefficient equipment** and transitioning to best practices.

## COVID-19 Training

Even with all the recent changes to County and State guidance, Cal/OSHA still requires that all employees complete the [COVID-19 Prevention Training](#) before returning to campus.

## Fire Alarms in Labs

Always **exit the building immediately when the fire alarm sounds** even if you do not see a fire and/or smoke.

## Returning to Campus Soon?

Learn about [campus safety information and resources](#) for new and returning employees.

Questions? Comments? Concerns? [Contact EH&S](#).

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