

## LAB SELF-INSPECTION GUIDE

PI Name:	Date:
Department:	School:
Room number(s):	

Do	cume	ntation and Training
EHSA		Is the chemical inventory updated routinely in EHSA as you receive or dispose of chemicals?
		Are gas cylinders and/or Dewars included in the chemical inventory?
		Is your lab space in EHSA accurate? Email <u>labsafety@usc.edu</u> if updates need to be made.
		Are your lab personnel correct in EHSA? Update using the Worker Management icon in EHSA, if necessary.
ing		Have all lab personnel (including short term undergraduates) completed the initial GLS training with EH&S?
Training		Have all lab personnel completed Annual Refresher Training with your lab in the last calendar year?
Т		Has the Lab Hazard Assessment Tool (LHAT) been completed/reviewed within the last calendar year?
LHAT		Do you decant materials from large stock bottles into smaller ones for active lab work? EH&S encourages this practice whenever practical, to avoid unnecessary handling of big bottles, and to better preserve chemical purity.
SDS		Ensure Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available for all hazardous materials present in the workplace. Provide physical copies of the SDS or a link to a <u>SDS database</u> on a lab computer/shared drive.
SI		Per the CHP, print out and have available in the lab SDSs for high acute health hazardous chemicals (e.g., phenol, HF, and cyanides).
SOP		Read, review and edit the <u>USC EH&amp;S SOP templates</u> for general hazard classes applicable to your research and current chemical inventory. Please note that all SOPs must be reviewed on an annual basis by lab personnel. Documentation of review is required.
ds		<b>Door Sign</b> : Have you generated your door sign(s) in EHSA? For the full step by step process for door sign generation you may follow the EHSA SOP – Create Placards for Lab Locations
Placards		Common Area Door Sign: Do you need a common area door sign for common areas you may use (e.g. cold rooms)?
Pla		<u>1-2-3 Serious Injury Reporting Flyer</u> : Post this prominently in the lab and review information with all lab personnel.
		Chemical Spill Notification Guide: Post this prominently in the lab and review information with all lab personnel.

Pe	rsona	Protective Equipment
Standard		Are your lab personnel aware of the <u>USC PPE Standards</u> ?
Coat		Do your personnel have appropriate lab coats for the hazards that are present?
Eye		Do your personnel have appropriate eye protection for the hazards that are present?
È		Are goggles and/or face shields required for the hazards that are present, and if so, are they available in the lab?
Glove		Ensure lab personnel are not touching any door handles with gloves. Please post the <u>Wait! Don't Contaminate!</u> <u>Flyer</u> at all lab exit doors.
G		Disposable gloves should be discarded immediately following use. Re-use is not permitted.
Respirator		Do you have and/or use respirators in your lab? Please refer to the <u>Respiratory Protection Program Fact Sheet</u> to enroll in the EH&S program, if necessary. Usage and/or storage of respirators is not permitted unless enrolled in the EH&S program.

Sat	afety Equipment	
_		Do you have an ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2015 standard first aid kit?
First Aid		Do you use or store phenol solutions? Please review the <u>Phenol Safety Fact Sheet</u> for information about appropriate first aid supplies.
ij		Do you use or store HF? Please review the <u>Hydrogen Fluoride Safety Fact Sheet</u> for information about appropriate first aid supplies.
Spill Kit		Do you have an appropriate chemical spill kit on all floors where you have labs? Please see the <u>Chemical Spill Kit</u> Guide Sheet for detailed information about appropriate spill kit materials.
Hood		Is the air flow obstructed by excessive storage, overcrowding or large equipment?
Fume		Are you properly working with all toxic, sensitizing, corrosive and volatile chemicals that pose an inhalation hazard in the fume hood? Are you using volatile flammable materials in a fume hood to avoid creating a flammable or explosive atmosphere?
BSC		Has your BSC been certified in the last calendar year? Contact an <u>approved vendor</u> to recertify, if necessary.
B		Is the airflow obstructed by excessive storage, overcrowding or large equipment?

Ro	om/Environment	
Drink		DO NOT eat, drink, smoke, chew gum, or apply cosmetics in laboratories where chemical, biological, or radioactive materials are present. See the Food and Drink in Laboratories Guide Sheet for more detailed information.
Food/Drink		Please appropriately label all household items and cosmetics used in the lab for research purposes: <b>For Lab or</b> <b>Research Use Only</b> .
SSS		Ensure all passageways, entrances, and exits are free of obstruction.
Access		Ensure all emergency equipment—safety showers, eye wash stations, fire extinguishers, evacuation plans—are free of obstruction.
er		Is your fridge/freezer excessively iced?
Fridge/Freezer		Is there potential mold growth of any kind (e.g. due to cardboard boxes in fridge)?
idge		Are all glass containers in your freezer in appropriate secondary containers?
Fr		Is your fridge/freezer appropriately labeled with definitive ownership in common areas?
Seismic Safety		Are any large and/or heavy items stored above eye level?
		Are the large and/or heavy items above eye level restrained by a lip that is at least 1.5" tall?
		Are all furnishings more than 48" tall secured?
Seis		Have you discussed appropriate earthquake response and escape routes with lab personnel? Refer to the Chemical Hygiene Plan for an <u>Earthquake Preparedness Guide</u> .
eneral		Ensure space is free of dirt/contamination, clutter and excessive storage.
Gen		Do you have soap and paper towels in each of your lab spaces?

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На	zardo	us Materials Storage
		Are all corrosive materials stored below eye level?
Corrosives		Are all concentrated liquid corrosives in appropriate secondary containers?
corro		Are your acids and bases appropriately segregated?
0		Have you unpacked acids from their metal tins prior to storage?
L		Are your PHS placed in appropriately labeled secondary containers?
PHS <sup>1</sup>		Chemicals regulated as PHS are identified by <u>Proposition 65</u> , the <u>International Agency for Research on Cancer</u> ( <u>IARC</u> ), and GHS classification in SDSs for highly acutely toxic substances. Additional information about PHS may be found in the <u>Chemical Hygiene Plan</u> .
Flammables		Per the <u>Chemical Hygiene Plan</u> , "the maximum storage amount allowed outside a flammable storage cabinet, safety can or approved fridge/freezer is ten (10) gallons of combined flammables, with no individual container being larger than one (1) gallon."
Flam		Are absorbent flammable materials (e.g. cardboard boxes) absent from all flammable cabinets?
PF <sup>2</sup>		Do you use or store <u>peroxide formers</u> in the lab?
Δ		Are the peroxide formers appropriately dated upon receiving and opening?
CGC <sup>3</sup>		Are your gas cylinders (including LN <sub>2</sub> tanks) appropriately stored?
ling		Are all bottles, vials, tubes, etc. labeled legibly?
Labeling		Are all <u>chemical</u> and <u>biological</u> abbreviations and chemical formulas defined and posted?
ps		Are there any unattended or exposed sharps in your lab?
Sharps		Are you recapping needles? This behavior is not permitted at USC unless approved by EH&S Research Safety using an official EH&S SOP detailing the specific purpose and appropriate practices.
<sup>2</sup> Pe	eroxide	rly Hazardous Substances e.g., acute toxicants, reproductive toxicants, and carcinogens Formers sed Gas Cylinders and Cryogens

Ch	emica	l Hazardous Waste
		Are all chemical waste containers affixed with appropriate hazardous waste labels?
a		Are hazardous waste labels filled out completely?
General		Are all liquid chemical waste containers in appropriate secondary containers?
Ğ		Are all waste containers closed when not in use?
		Ensure waste containers are not overfilled (>80%).
sal		Are all liquid and solid chemical waste being appropriately classified and disposed of? For the full step by step waste submission process you may follow the <u>Hazardous Waste Pick-Up SOP</u> .
Disposal		Are there any chemical waste containers in the lab older than 9 months? In order for USC to comply with State regulations, chemical waste containers must be picked up from labs within 9 months of the accumulation start date. For the full step by step waste submission process you may follow the <u>Hazardous Waste Pick-Up SOP</u> .
SBG⁴		Are all sharps and broken glass being appropriately disposed of?