

Laboratory Hazard Assessment Tool

Office of Environmental Health & Safety

Principal Investigator: Lab Location: Date:

Hazard Category	Subcategory	Working Quantities (not qtys in inventory)	Response Yes No	Potential Hazard(s)	Engineering	Controls Administrative	PPE
Chemical 01	Corrosives: liquids and/or solids	< 4 liters, < 1 lb	165 110	Eye/skin damage Splash	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for corrosives Chemical-specific SOP	 Splash goggles or safety glasses Chemical-resistant gloves 100% cotton lab coat
Chemical 02	Corrosives: liquids and/or solids	> 4 liters, > 1 lb		PoisoningGreater potential for eye/skin damageSplash	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for corrosivesChemical-specific SOP	 Splash goggles Chemical-resistant gloves 100% cotton lab coat Chemical-resistant apron
Chemical 03	Flammable/combustible solvents; organic fixatives	< 4 liters		Eye/skin damagePotential poisoning through skin contactFire	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for flammables/combustiblesChemical-specific SOP	 Safety glasses or splash goggles Chemical-resistant gloves Flame-resistant lab coat or Nomes
Chemical 04	Flammable/combustible solvents; organic fixatives	> 4 liters		Major eye/skin damagePotential poisoning through skin contactFire	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for flammables/combustiblesChemical-specific SOP	Safety glasses or splash gogglesChemical-resistant glovesNomex
Chemical 05	Toxic substances	Any amount		Exposure through inhalation, ingestion, injection, or absorption	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for toxic materialsChemical-specific SOP	Safety glasses or splash gogglesChemical-resistant gloves100% cotton lab coat
Chemical 06	Toxic substances - Carcinogens	Any amount		 Exposure through inhalation, ingestion, injection, or absorption Cancer-causing 	Chemical fume hood	General SOP for carcinogensChemical-specific SOP	Safety glasses or splash goggles Chemical-resistant gloves
Chemical 07	Toxic substances -Reproductive toxicants	Any amount		• Exposure through inhalation, ingestion, injection, or absorption	Chemical fume hood or inert atmosphere chamber	General SOP for reproductive toxicants Ghave in the second seco	 100% cotton lab coat Safety glasses or splash goggles
Chemical 08	Highly toxic substances	Any amount		 Mutagenic Teratogenic Exposure through inhalation, ingestion,	Chemical fume hood or inert	Chemical-specific SOP General SOP for toxic materials	 Chemical-resistant gloves 100% cotton lab coat Safety glasses or splash goggles
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Chemical 09	Pyrophoric or water-reactive chemicals (Class 2 or Class 3)	Any amount		Severe skin/eye damageFire	Inert atmosphere chamber	 General SOP for reactive materials Chemical-specific SOP 	 100% cotton lab coat Safety glasses or splash goggles Chemical-resistant gloves Nomex
Chemical 10	Explosive/highly reactive materials	Any amount		 Detonation Flying debris Severe skin/eye damage Fire 	Chemical fume hood with blast shield or Inert atmosphere chamber	 General SOP for explosive, highly reactive materials Chemical-specific SOP 	 Safety glasses or splash goggles Face shield Chemical-resistant gloves Nomex
Biological 01	Working with human or non-human primate blood, body fluids, tissues, cells, or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM), which may contain human Blood borne pathogens	Any		Exposure to infectious materials sharps injuries	Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Safety engineered sharps plasticware instead of glassware	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper waste disposal Signage	fluid resistant lab coat eye protection gloves closed-toe shoes
Biological 02	Working with microbial agents (bacteria, virus, parasites, yeast, fungi, prions), recombinant DNA and/or biological materials exposed to or likely to be contain risk group (RG1) microbial agents or rDNA	Any		Eye irritation; sharps injury; cross- contamination of animal or extra-laboratory areas. Exposure of infectious materials to those who may have personal health issues which make them more susceptible to infection	Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal Signage	lab coat eye protection gloves closed-toe shoes

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Biological 03	Working with microbial agents, recombinant DNA and/or biological materials exposed to or likely to contain risk group 2 (RG2) microbial agents or rDNA	Any		Exposure to infectious materials through broker skin or mucosal membranes Sharps injury	Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal Signage	fluid resistant lab coat eye protection gloves closed-toe shoes
Biological 04	Working with microbial agents, recombinant DNA and/or biological materials exposed to or likely to contain Risk Group 2 microbial agents or rDNA for which biosafety level 3 practices are required (BSL2+containment)	Any		Exposure to infectious materials through broker skin or mucosal membranes Sharps injury	n Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials BSL2+ training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal signage	dedicated/disposable lab coat (fluid resistant) face/eye protection double gloving closed-toe shoes; surgical mask or N95 (as determined by IBC)
Biological 05	Working with microbial agents, rDNA and/or biological materials exposed to or likely to contain Risk Group 3 agents or rDNA	Any		Exposure to infectious materials with high risk of exposure, particularly through inhalation route Sharps injury	BSL3 facility Biosafety Cabinet (BSC) Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials; enrollment in occupational health program BSL3 training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal signage	Scrubs; Tyvek suit with shoe covers Powered air purifying respirators (PAPR)/ N95 (determined by IBC) Double gloves dedicated shoes
Biological 06	Working with live animals alone or in conjunction with risk group 1 (RG1) agents or rDNA which falls under ABSL1 containment	Any		Animal bites Allergies/ Eye irritation Sharps injury Exposure to biological materials to personnel that may be susceptible to infection	Biosafety Cabinet/Changing Station Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal signage	Disposable gown Shoe covers Surgical face mask Gloves; hair bonnet
Biological 07	Working with infected or potentially infectious live animals alone/conjunction with risk group 2 (RG2) microbial agents or rDNA which required ABSL2 containment	Any		Animal bites Allergies/ Eye irritation Sharps injury Exposure to biological materials to personnel that may be susceptible to infection	Biosafety Cabinet/Changing Station Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal signage	Disposable gown Shoe cover Surgical face mask Gloves; hair bonnet
Biological 08	Working with biological toxins or materials exposed to biological toxins or toxic/venomous plants, animals or insects	Any		Exposure to toxins or venoms Sharp injury	Biosafety Cabinet/Changing Station Safety engineered sharps	Written SOP for procedures involving listed materials Appropriate training (documented) Proper disinfected waste disposal signage	fluid resistant lab coat eye protection gloves closed-toe shoes
Radiation 01	Working with radioactive material or radioactive waste (Solid & Liquid)	Any Amount		Damage to body cells Contamination of radioactive material	Appropriate Shielding	Contamination Checks Training and SOPs required Documentation - All activities	Gloves for applicable chemical hazard Safety glasses Lab coat
Radiation 02	Working with generally licensed sealed radioactive sources	Any Amount		If the integrity of sealed source is compromised either by physical abuse or removal of the source from equipment then high potential for spread of contamination Cell damage due to exposure		Sources inside equipment may be removed by manufacturer or EHS Waste: Disposed as radioactive waste	Normal working conditions - NO PPE required
Radiation 03	Working with generally licensed unsealed radioactive sources	Any Amount		Cell, Liver, Kidney damage due to chronic exposure; spread of contamination; respiratory irritant.	Appropriate Shielding	Waste: Dispose it as radioactive waste through EHS Contamination Checks	Gloves for applicable chemical hazard Safety glasses Lab coat
Radiation 04	Working with radiation producing devices (Open X-rays, CT scanner, etc.)	NA		Damage to body cells. Acute and chronic exposures	Shielding	Dosimeter badges and rings Appropriate training	PPE might involve Lead Apron

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Radiation 05	Working with self shielded radiation	qtys in inventory) NA	Yes No	Potential for radiation exposure if fail proof	Engineering NA	Area monitors might be required.	NA PPE
	producing devices (X-ray Irradiator, XRD units)			mechanism is compromised		No personal dosimetry is required. Training to operate the machines.	
Radiation 06	Working with Ultraviolet radiation	NA		Corneal damage and Skin redness	NA		Lab coat UV face shield and goggles
Laser 01	Working with Class 3b laser open beam that can produce a direct exposure or specular reflection	5-500 mW or pulsed 10 J/cm ²		Eye and Skin Damage	Beam dumps for stray beam Barriers, shrouds, beam stops, etc. Interlocks	Access restriction Area controls with NHZ calculation Administrative and/or procedural controls Education and training	Protective eyewear appropriate to wavelength with correct optical density
Laser 02	Working with Class 4 laser open beam that could result in direct exposure or specular or diffuse reflection	>500mW or pulsed >10J/cm		Eye and Skin Damage	Beam dumps for stray beam Barriers, shrouds, beam stops, etc. Interlocks	Access restriction Area controls with NHZ calculation Administrative and/or procedural controls Education and training	Protective eyewear appropriate to wavelength with correct optical density
Laser 03	Enclosed Beam - Exposure during servicing a Class 3b or 4 laser system enclosed within a Class 1 device housing.	NA		Eye and Skin Damage	Protective housings should be interlocked	Lock out tag out during service	During Service - Protective eyewear appropriate to wavelength with correct optica density
Laser 04	Non-Beam: Repair/service of power source in laser system	NA		Electrocution and fire	Earthing, good housekeeping	Lock out tag out during service	NA
Laser 05	Non-Beam: Working with dyes, solvents and chemicals	NA		Fire, Carcinogens, Chemical exposure	Containment of chemicals and proper segregation	r MSDS access for chemicals	Lab coats for chemicals, Gloves and appropriate eye protection
Physical 01	Extreme temperatures	N/A		BurnsFrost biteSplash	Ventilated area	General SOP for cryogenic materialsCryogen-specific SOP	Safety glasses or splash gogglesThermal gloves100% cotton lab coat (cryogenic)
Physical 02	High pressure or vacuum	N/A		Flying debrisSevere skin/eye damage	Chemical fume hood with blast shield	General SOP for high pressure or vacuum systems	 Safety glasses or splash goggles Face shield Chemical-resistant gloves 100% satter lab seet
Physical 03	Highly energized sources	N/A		Burns; electrocution		Electrical Safety; LOTO;	100% cotton lab coat Non-conductive apparel including gloves
Physical 04	Welding, brazing, cutting, glassblowing	N/A		Burns; fire	Non-combustible work surface; ventilated area; fire extinguisher	Hot work program	Safety glasses or splash goggles
							Face shieldChemical-resistant glovesFlame-resistant lab coat or Nomex
Physical 05	Open flame (e.g. bunsen burner, alcohol lab burner, etc.)	N/A		Burns; fire	Non-combustible work surface; ventilated area; fire extinguisher	Generate required SOP(s) for work with open flames	, , , ,
					Consider use of a non-flame alternative e.g. micro-incinerator		Face shieldChemical-resistant gloves
							Flame-resistant lab coat
Physical 06	Sharps (pipet; scalpel; razor blades; cannula; hypodermic needles, etc.)			needlestick; puncture; laceration	work bench	BBP	puncture-resistant gloves

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