



**ADMINISTRATIVE
POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**

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UNIVERSITY SAFETY AND FIRE PREVENTION**

SUB-TOPIC

LABORATORY SAFETY

Laboratory safety is technically one of the most complex safety problems. No one person can be an expert in every chemical reaction, radioactive contamination, behavior of gases, and all other possible laboratory phenomena. The Principal Investigator for each lab is responsible for the laboratory's overall safety and the safety program, which includes the training of faculty, staff and students.

Thus, for every type of research and each kind of laboratory, a separate set of safety rules is needed. Such rules can come only from experts in their respective fields and must be developed by each department. The Chemical Safety Subcommittee of the Safety Committee formulates and enforces appropriate safety regulations and procedures. The Safety Office will assist in any way possible to ensure adequate safety is evident in laboratory situations. Physical Plant will assist as appropriate to ensure adequate safety equipment is maintained.