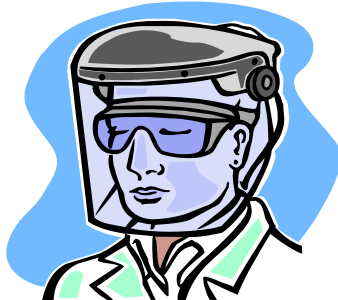


EH&S Fast Facts

EYE & FACE PROTECTION FOR LAB WORKERS



Everyone working in labs on campus is required to wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to minimize exposure/ injury. Follow the guidelines below for a safer work environment.

Variable Working Situations

- Protective devices must be worn in locations where there is a risk of injury to the face or eyes
- Due to the variability in laboratory work, PPE must be identified through procedure specific hazard analysis - job specific PPE requirements must be maintained in the laboratory's Integrated Safety and Environmental Management Plan (ISEM) for ready access by laboratory students, visitors and employees
- Effective eye/ face protection device requirements can differ between or within a laboratory
- When laboratory procedures require the use of eye/ face protection, everyone in the laboratory (even if wearing glasses/contacts) must wear the required protective devices (goggles/ face shield)

Eye & Face Protection

- Please refer to [Laser Protective Eyewear](#) and [Hazards of Ultraviolet Radiation](#) to select protective eyewear when working with lasers or UV light
- Guidelines for choosing other types of protective eyewear best suited to the job can be found at www.labsafety.com/refinfo/ezfacts/ezf125.htm

Special Considerations for Contact Lens Users

- Don't handle or store contact lenses in labs or areas where chemical, biohazard or radiological materials are used/ stored
- Don't insert contacts in areas where chemical, biohazard or radiological materials are used/ stored
- Certain chemicals should not be used when wearing contact lenses - contact EH&S for recommendations on appropriate eye protection if you need advice about wearing contact lenses in areas where chemicals are stored/ used
- You must inform the supervisor and co-workers if you wear contact lenses

Visit www.ehs.ucr.edu for additional information or call EH&S at 827-5528 if you have any questions.