

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

OFFICIAL POLICY

8.3.1

Chemical Hygiene

10/15/2020

Policy Statement

It is the policy of the College of Charleston that teaching and research laboratories in any department that use chemicals will comply with the letter and intent of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's standard for safety in laboratories. This standard (29 CFR 1910.1450), requires that employers who may expose employees to potentially hazardous chemicals in laboratories have written policies and procedures for preventing employee illness or injury due to that potential exposure. This policy satisfies this requirement and is applicable to all employees working in laboratories where such exposure is possible.

Policy

1.0 Chemical Hygiene Plan

The College of Charleston Chemical Hygiene Plan is maintained by the Department of Environmental Health and Safety. The current version of the Plan is found on the web page ehs.cofc.edu/laboratory-research-safety/general-laboratory-safety/index.php.

2.0 Revisions to the Plan

The Department of Environmental Health and safety, in conjunction with applicable academic units, will review this Plan annually, and may make revisions necessary to stay compliant with regulations and good safety practices.

3.0 Applicability

This policy shall apply to all students, faculty and staff at the College of Charleston, regardless of physical location.

Policy Manager and Responsible Department or Office

Director, Environmental Health and Safety Department

Purpose/Reason for the Policy

This Policy describes the College of Charleston's measures to manage the large number of chemical and biological agents used in student and research laboratories at all College of Charleston facilities and locations.

Departments/Offices Affected by the Policy

Any department that uses chemical or biological agents in the laboratory activities.

Procedures Related to the Policy

All procedures related to this policy are found on the Environmental Health and Safety web page (ehs.cofc.edu).

Related Policies, Documents or Forms

Any required forms or documentation necessary to comply with this policy are available at the EHS web page (ehs.cofc.edu)

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Next Review Date: 10/20/2024

POLICY APPROVAL

(For use by the Office of the Board of Trustees or the Office of the President)

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President or

Chairman, Board of Trustees



6/9/2021

Date: _____