

Department of Chemistry
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Safety Training for Post-Doctoral Researchers updated January 7, 2014

On behalf of the Chemistry Safety Committee, I welcome you to the University of Wisconsin Chemistry department. I hope your research endeavors in our department turn out to be interesting, productive, and SAFE. The safety training for post doctoral researchers includes two requirements. You are required to complete the UW Chemistry Safety Worksheet located at UW MOODLE. The intent of this worksheet is to provide you with a review of good general safety laboratory practices and an introduction to the Safety Policies and Procedures specific to UW Chemistry research laboratories. To complete the worksheet, refer to the following resources:

1) *UW-Madison Safety-Laboratory Safety Guide*, available online at <http://www.ehs.wisc.edu/chem-resources-labsafetyguide.htm> You can get a hard copy of this document from UW Safety but it should be available in your research groups.

2) Safety pages on the departmental web site at <http://www.chem.wisc.edu/content/safety-information>

You will also need to locate specific safety items and information within the laboratories that you will be working.

This worksheet is not intended to test your current safety knowledge, but to help you prepare for safe laboratory work in our department. Therefore you are allowed, and encouraged, to consult your supervisor, members of your group, or others in the department for help with the worksheet. Remember that preparation and communication are essential to ensure a safe work environment. You should complete this worksheet before you commence any laboratory work.

To access the worksheet go to <https://courses.moodle.wisc.edu/prod/> and login using your NetID.

You should see "Safety Training" in your list of ongoing courses. Click on the link.

You should now see a link to the "Safety Worksheet." Click on then link and start the quiz.

Note: **Save the quiz often**; sometimes moodle will automatically log you off without saving.

Contact me if you have any trouble. mcclain@chem.wisc.edu

The second requirement is to attend the “Chemical Worker Safety Training” class given by the UW Safety Department. Contact UW Safety at <http://www.ehs.wisc.edu/chem-training.htm> for information about this class. You will receive a certificate upon completion of the class. Please submit a copy of this certificate to the Chair of the Safety Committee, or another member of the committee.

Recognize that these two requirements make up only the basic safety training required by our department. Depending on your research, you may be required to have additional training in the areas of biological or radiation safety.

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