



EHS Written Practice Directive

Laboratory Attire - Required Attire For Entering Laboratories And Other Areas Where Hazardous Materials Are Used Or Stored

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Cal/OSHA Title 8 sections:

§3203 - Injury Illness Prevention Programs,

§3380 - Personal Protective Devices,

§5191 - Occupational Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories

Objective:

Define the minimum standards for required attire in laboratories and other areas where hazardous materials are used or stored.

Statement:

Cal/OSHA requires employers to identify and provide employees with appropriate personal protective equipment as needed.

At SFSU, the following attire is the minimum required for entry into laboratories or other areas where hazardous materials are used or stored:

- Knee length lab coats that cover the torso and arms
 - Socks and closed-toe and closed-heel shoes with heels less than 2.5 inches high
 - Ankle-length pants or skirt
 - Safety glasses with permanent side shields or a uni-lens reaching to the side of eyes
- NOTE: Liquid-proof goggles should be readily available and worn whenever significant quantities of corrosive or highly toxic liquids are transferred.

Many common tasks, experiments, or areas will require additional or more protective apparel.

The University shall provide lab coats and protective eyewear for employees who must enter laboratories where hazardous materials are used or stored.

Students who are not paid employees of the University must provide their own lab coats and protective eyewear when taking classes in laboratories where hazardous materials are used or stored.

Visitors to laboratories where hazardous materials are used or stored must be provided with the required personal protective equipment if they are to enter the lab.

Disputes, problems, and requests for exemptions to the requirements of this Policy should be addressed in writing to the: Dean-College of Science and Engineering; University Chemical Safety Officer; and Director-Environment, Health, and Safety, who shall confer together in settling such issues.

Procedures:

Details for obtaining various kinds of personal protective equipment can be found on the EH&S website.