

Safety

The University of San Diego is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for its research activities. All members of the University community are expected to comply with the University's health and safety programs and plans.

Some work that is done in laboratories at USD are covered by the University's Consolidated Chemical Hygiene Plan: <https://www.sandiego.edu/cas/chemistry/labs-and-equipment/resources/>. The Chemical Hygiene Plan contains the University's policies and procedures regarding safe laboratory practices in the College of Arts and Sciences. Its objective is to provide effective guidelines that will limit exposures of hazardous chemicals to the lowest possible levels for all students and employees. The Chemical Hygiene Plan covers both biosafety and radiation safety. All faculty members working in research labs are responsible for implementing the Chemical Hygiene Plan and understanding and following all applicable safety guidelines.

USD also has a Hazard Communication Program that transmits information on the hazards of chemicals to USD employees. The Hazard Communication Program accomplishes this through the written plan, training programs, labels on containers, and Safety Data sheets. The Hazard Communication Program can be found at: https://www.sandiego.edu/facilities/documents/Hazcom_Program_2013.pdf

USD's Environmental Health and Safety Policy can be found here: <http://www.sandiego.edu/legal/policies/community/health/safety.pdf>.

Several federal departments also have resources that may be helpful to researchers who are using biologically hazardous materials:

- Centers for Disease Control Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories: <https://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmbl5/index.htm>
- Department of Health and Human Services Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins: <https://www.selectagents.gov/>
- Department of Agriculture Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins: <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2006-title9-vol1/content-detail.html>

For additional information regarding research safety, please contact the University's Environmental Health and Safety Office or the Associate Provost for Research and Development.