



Health and Safety
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Fact Sheet

Minors in University Laboratories

Several University policies specify age restrictions for individuals requesting access to University laboratories. These policies reflect State laws, regulatory requirements and generally accepted age restrictions. However, it is not the intent of these policies to affect either the quality, the quantity or the freedoms normally associated with research or with teaching. Nor is it the intent of these regulations to be rigid or inflexible. Certain endeavors may require that exemptions to these policies be made in order to foster scientific undertakings. The University is willing to hear specific concerns as they arise and to assist personnel involved with these chemical operations in tailoring procedures that will meet the spirit of these regulations while adequately protecting personnel, the University and the environment from unnecessary hazards.

Biological Safety Manual

- Policy Number: 10000299, effective date 07/01/1999, details the minimum requirements and procedures for operations involving Biohazardous (potentially infectious) Materials.
 - Persons under 16 years of age shall not enter a Biosafety Level 3 (BSL3) laboratory.
 - BSL3 areas have agents which may cause serious or potentially lethal disease after inhalation.
 - Currently, there are no BSL3 labs on the Oxford Main campus.

Radiological Safety Manual

- Policy Number: 10000289, effective date 06/01/1965, details the minimum requirements and procedures for operations involving Radioactive Materials or Radiation Generating Devices.
 - State law prohibits minors from receiving any non-medical radiation exposure.
 - The Occupational Dose Limits in the Policy states:
 - Persons under 18 years of age will not be allowed to enter, or work in, an area where radioactive materials or radiation producing devices are used, stored or operated;
 - Policy excludes student workers and employees at the Student Health Services.

Chemical Safety Manual

- Policy Number: 10000302, effective date 07/01/1999, details the minimum requirements and procedures for operations involving Chemicals and Hazardous materials.
 - Section 5.5 CHEMICAL SAFETY IN THE WORKPLACE
 - Subsection J. Children and Hazardous Chemicals states:
 - Children, those under the age of 16, are prohibited from being in, touring, or visiting, any area where hazardous materials are used or stored.

Visitors to Animal Research Areas

- Policy Number: 10000792, effective date 02/04/2015, protects personnel, research animals, research equipment, and University property.
 - 1. Children and pets are not allowed in Animal Areas.