

# Skidmore College

## Office of Environmental Health & Safety for Academic Affairs

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### *Programs and Services*



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*Welcome to Skidmore College. This pamphlet will provide an overview of some of the many services offered through the Office of Environmental Health and Safety for Academic Affairs (EHS). EHS provides training and consultation on a variety of laboratory safety issues including chemical safety and hazardous waste management, radiation safety, fire safety in the lab, lab safety training, Hazard Communication training and biological safety. For more information on these topics or if you have other questions, please contact Loretta Greenholtz at 580-5136 or [lgreenho@skidmore.edu](mailto:lgreenho@skidmore.edu).*

### Health and Safety Policies and Training

***Animal Exposure Health and Safety*** - Prior to working with live animals in the research setting online an online exam must be passed. Training materials and instructions are online, including detailed information regarding the Occupation Health medical surveillance program.

***Biosafety***- The Biological Safety Program provides guidance to facilitate safe and responsible research with biological agents that can cause disease or be harmful to humans. works in concert with the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC). The Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) reviews and approves, if appropriate, research with recombinant and synthetic nucleic acid molecules; pathogenic organisms; human-derived material; biological toxins; and animal tissue that pose zoonotic disease concerns.

***Bloodborne Pathogens Safety***- Bloodborne Pathogen Training is required, annually, for all employees determined to be at potential risk for contact with blood or body fluids in the work

place. The purpose of the training is to understand the risks associated with blood/body fluid contact, proper handling and disposal methods, and personal protection. Initial and refresher Bloodborne Pathogen Training sessions are offered annually. Please contact Michelle Lappo at [mlappo@skidmore.edu](mailto:mlappo@skidmore.edu) or call 580-5551 to register or schedule a training date and time.

**Laboratory Safety**-The purpose of the laboratory safety program at Skidmore College is to ensure the laboratory faculty, staff and students are informed of the hazards of chemicals in their workplace, and that they are protected from any chemical exposures that exceed allowable limits. It is an integral part of our teaching and research mission and applies to all science laboratories. **All faculty, staff, visitors, research students and student workers are required to complete lab safety training prior to working in the lab with hazardous chemicals.** The on-line training module and quiz can be found at <https://www.skidmore.edu/ehs/lab/NEW-June-lab-safety-slides.pptx>

**New Faculty Registration Form** – Completion of the registration is required for all new faculty, staff and visitors working in or around a lab <https://www.skidmore.edu/ehs/registration.php>

**Radiation Safety**- A Principal Investigator who plans to possess or use radioactive materials in any form at Skidmore College must first apply to the Radiation Safety Officer, Loretta Greenholtz, to obtain a Radioisotope Authorization from the New York State Department of Health. The Authorization specifies the radioisotopes the PI is permitted to use, the authorized chemical and physical form for those radioisotopes, the possession limits for each radioisotope, the authorized location of radioisotope use, and the authorized experimental

protocol(s). The Radiation Safety Officer works closely with the Radiation Safety Committee to ensure compliance.

**Many EHS forms and policies are available on-line at [www.skidmore.edu/ehs](http://www.skidmore.edu/ehs), Including:**

Animal Exposure Health and Safety Evaluation

Animal Handler Medical Surveillance Certification Form

Biohazardous Waste Disposal Request

Biohazard Waste Management Policy and Exposure Control Plan

Chemical Hygiene Plan

Formaldehyde Exposure Policy

Hazardous Waste Disposal Guide

Hazardous Waste Disposal Request

Hydrofluoric Acid Use Policy

Laboratory Safety Inspection Checklist

Laser Registry

Medical Emergency Response Protocol

Respiratory Protection Policy

Shipping Guidelines for Biological Specimens

Please contact Loretta Greenholtz at 580-5136 for more information