

Audit Tips!

EH&S Audits

Depending on your laboratory environment, EH&S will conduct a safety audit every 6 months (every 12 months for low hazard locations). Your assigned-EH&S research assistant program (RAP) specialist will tour the lab and take note of any safety or compliance issues that may be present. Afterwards, the PI will receive a lab safety audit report that lists the *finding* count. These audit results help both researchers and EH&S identify and correct problems to achieve a safe work area and regulatory compliance.

Along with this annual audit, you will be required to complete a **self-audit** of your own lab spaces in between each of the 6 month audits.

Fire safety inspections

The campus fire marshal is responsible for conducting fire inspections of **all** occupied campus facilities, including laboratories. Inspections will focus on compliance with fire and life safety regulations, including Title 19 of the California Code of Regulations and the California Fire Code, as well as campus policies. Check out blink.ucsd.edu/safety/fire/labs.html for more information.

Cal/OSHA inspections

Cal/OSHA inspectors make unannounced visits to make sure the UC San Diego campus and associated facilities are safe and healthy workplaces. It is **very important to note**: if an inspector arrives, ask for identification and immediately call EH&S at 858-534-3660. You cannot deny the inspector access, but you can ask them to wait until an EH&S safety specialist arrives before beginning the inspection.

CUPA inspections

CUPA, or Certified Unified Program Agencies, is a **state authorized** consolidation of environmental and emergency response programs. The agencies inspect businesses and facilities that handle or store hazardous materials and medical waste. Annual CUPA inspection of UCSD facilities is conducted by County of San Diego Department of Environmental Health (DEH) inspectors. Campus inspections usually begin in August. Prepare your lab for the CUPA inspection by following all biohazardous/medical waste guidelines (red bags in covered bins!), OTP tags for chemical waste, chemical storage and labeling procedures, safety training and documentation, and proper sharps disposal.

For more information on inspections, visit: blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/inspection.html