

MINORS ON LAB TOURS & VISITS

The Division of Biological Sciences Safety Office is committed to providing effective consultation and safety support to research laboratories within the Division. It is our mission to promote safe research practices through the administration, coordination, and instruction of UCSD laboratory safety policies. We believe in fostering close relationships with laboratories and working together to cultivate a safe research environment for all.

The purpose of this document is to serve as an overview of laboratory hazards and associated research safety requirements for individuals under the age of 18 years old (“minors”) that are provisionally touring, visiting, and/or conducting program-led experiments within Biology research space. In addition, this document concludes with written agreement of parental/legal guardian consent for such activities. Please contact the Division Safety Office (biologysafety@ucsd.edu; 858-333-9791) with any additional questions.

STANDARD REQUIREMENTS FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YO) IN THE LAB

- Along with parent/legal guardian, sign and date this document, along with the “*Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement*” form, for collection by Biology HR staff.
- Always stay in the company of the assigned group leader or supervisor – never leave the group or stray off alone. Minors must be supervised and accompanied by a trained instructor/leader at all times.
- PPE (or [Personal Protective Equipment](#)) must be worn **at all times** while in the laboratory. Standard mandatory PPE includes full length leg and foot coverings (closed-toe shoes), a lab coat, and safety glasses. Additional PPE may be assigned by your supervisor.
- Always follow the instructions of the supervising individual, especially regarding hazard-specific safety training. Report any incident, regardless of severity, to the PI, supervisor and/or group leader.
- **Do not to touch** laboratory instruments, equipment, or benchtop surfaces without permission.
- Never eat, drink, chew gum, apply lip balm or chapstick, touch your cell phone, and touch contact lenses in any laboratory environment. Take care to tie back long hair for risk mitigation.
- Find the PI and/or tour leader if you have any questions regarding safety requirements or laboratory hazards. **When in doubt, ask.**

Signature of Minor

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name of Minor

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

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