The University of Pittsburgh Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) provides safety, health, and environmental programs for University faculty, students, and staff. EH&S reviews research proposals and research facilities to identify hazards and risks, and to recommend appropriate actions to ensure safe working conditions. EH&S provides training and guidance on a diverse number of safety topics including biological and chemical safety.

EH&S is responsible to provide direction for general health and safety programs including:

- Fire and life safety.
- Workplace injury.
- Ergonomic assessment.
- Laser and electrical safety.
- Indoor air quality.
- Emergency preparedness.

The biological and chemical safety programs at the University of Pittsburgh provide tailored guidance to support faculty performing research. These EH&S-based services include:

- An annual review of laboratory spaces to evaluate best practices for safety and to provide guidance to ensure programs meet applicable federal, state, and local guidelines.
- Risk assessments of IACUC and IBC submissions.
- Consultation on disposal of biological and chemical waste from research laboratories.
- Targeted trainings based on biological and chemical usage, and/or shipping dangerous goods.
- Monitoring for workplace exposure to chemical agents.
- Guidance on occupational health requirements, such as vaccinations, health screening, and respiratory protection.

More information regarding EH&S programs, services, and training schedules may be found at www.ehs.pitt.edu. Any questions, comments, or concerns can be addressed by contacting EH&S at 412-624-9505, safety@ehs.pitt.edu, or using our anonymous concern reporting mechanism (http://www.ehs.pitt.edu/contact/concern.html).