### **UF Environmental Health and Safety** UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

# **Laser Accident Emergency Procedure**

In the event of a laser accident, immediately perform the following:

- 1. Shut down the laser system.
- 2. Provide for the safety of personnel (e.g. first aid and evacuations) as needed.

NOTE: If a laser eye injury is suspected, have the injured person keep their head upright and still to restrict any bleeding in the eye. A physician must evaluate laser eye injuries as soon as possible.

3. Obtain medical assistance for anyone who may be injured.

UF Student Health Care Center	392-1161
Eye Center Shands at UF	265-0860
Shands at UF Emergency Department	265-0050
Ambulance (Urgent medical care)	911

- 4. If there is a fire, leave the area, pull the fire alarm, and contact the fire department by calling 911. Do not fight the fire unless it is very small and you have been trained in firefighting techniques.
- 5. Inform the Laser Safety Officer or the Radiation Control Officer as soon as possible.

## Radiation/Laser Safety Officer392-7359

After normal working hours, call **392-1111** to contact the University Police Department. UPD will utilize the EH&S emergency call list.

6. If an injury is suspected, report it to worker's compensation as soon as possible

## Workers' Compensation

## 1-800-455-2079

7. Inform the Principal Investigator as soon as possible. If there is an injury, the PI must submit a report of injury to Risk Management and the LSO as soon as possible.

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8. Following a laser accident, do not resume use of the laser system until the Laser Safety Officer and the Laser Safety Committee have reviewed the incident.