



EYE PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS

The regulatory framework for establishing eye protection as an entry requirement for labs.

OSHA PPE Standard

29 CFR 1910.132(a) Protective equipment...shall be provided, used, and maintained...wherever it is necessary by reason of hazards of processes or environment, chemical hazards, radiological hazards, or mechanical irritants.

29 CFR 1910.132(d) The employer shall assess the workplace to determine if hazards are present, or likely to be present, which necessitate the use of PPE.

29 CFR 1910.133(a) Eye or face protection is required when exposed to...flying particles, liquid chemicals, acids or caustic liquids, chemical gases or vapors, potentially injurious light radiation and molten metal.

Hazard Assessment Requirements

Employer to verify that a hazard assessment has been performed through a written certification that includes:

- workplace evaluated;
- person certifying that the evaluation has been performed;
- Date

Training Requirements

The employer shall provide training to each employee according to 29 CFR 1910.132(f). Employers must retrain when the employee does not have understanding or knowledge of requirements. Changes in workplace or types of PPE render previous training obsolete.

Exemptions at UF

- Computational labs
- Administrative areas that are physically separated from the lab. Clearly indicate/demarcate exempt areas.
- Areas where a hazard assessment has been performed indicating that hazards are not likely to be present. See website for more details.

Institutions with eye protection as an entry requirement:

UCF, University of Michigan, Georgia Tech, Cornell, NC State, UMass, University of Virginia, University of Idaho, Drexel

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