



*Do you work in  
a lab?*

# LAB SAFETY TIPS

Whether you are a PI or a lab worker, it is important to identify risks and potential hazards in your lab.

EH&S has developed a new tool to help you identify risks in your lab and identify the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for laboratory workers.

## Laboratory Hazard Assessment Tool (LHAT)

LHAT is a web-based system intended to identify potential hazards to ensure that personnel are informed about proper PPE needed in their work environment.

1. Faculty need to complete the LHAT online. **Login to LHAT at <https://ehs.ucop.edu/lhat> by the December 2nd deadline.**
2. Lab workers need to:
  - a. Identify with their PIs and lab group
  - b. Complete online PPE training
3. Register for EventBrite online at <http://www.ucm-ppe.eventbrite.com>

**Lab workers cannot receive PPE unless the online LHAT has been completed first.**

After completing these requirements, lab workers must print a PPE voucher which can be redeemed at the PPE distribution event in UC Merced's California room on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

## How LHAT will help you:

*As a Principal Investigator (PI), LHAT allows you to:*

- Determine hazards that are present in the lab through guided questions
- Communicate lab hazards to personnel through the LHAT
- Identify the proper PPE to be used based on the hazard assessment

*As Lab Personnel, LHAT allows you to:*

- View potential hazards present in the lab through the assessment
- Receive a list of proper PPE to be used and training on the selected PPE for your lab
- Earn a voucher for FREE PPE to be used in your lab from the distribution event

Already have a hard copy of the PPE Assessment Tool? EH&S will be in the SE building second floor atrium on the following dates to help enter the information online for you and answer questions about the system.

EH&S Help Sessions: Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> from 11am - 1pm, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 -4pm, and Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am -1pm

## PPE Distribution Event:

*Reserve a time to collect your PPE at [www.ucm-ppe.eventbrite.com](http://www.ucm-ppe.eventbrite.com).*

*What happens if someone cannot attend the Distribution Event?*

If you are unable to attend the Distribution Event, please make an appointment with EH&S to be properly fitted for your PPE as soon as possible. An authorized fit tester will set times for lab workers to try on lab coats and eyewear to determine proper fit. Appropriate PPE will then be ordered and sent to the lab worker.

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