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**Purpose:**

The laboratory safety policy is in place to promote safe work practices and procedures amongst laboratory personnel when working with or near hazardous chemicals and biological materials.

**Policy:**

The Department of Health and Human Services has safety and health policies available on the DHHS website (see link below).

All laboratory practices involving biological specimens, or materials derived from biological specimens, are performed using universal precautions. Laboratory coats, gloves, and eye protection should be worn when handling biological fluids and specimens.

Material Safety Data sheets (MSDS) are available for staff review.

A detailed description of toxicology laboratory safety practices is available in the OCME Toxicology Safety Manual.

All laboratory personnel are expected to adhere to DHHS, SLPH-OCME building and OCME-Toxicology safety policies.

**Procedures and/or Forms:**

**NC-OCME Safety Manual**

**DHHS link:** <http://publichealth.nc.gov/employees/hr/safetyhealth.htm>