

12 MONTHS OF RESEARCH SAFETY

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential in providing a last line of defense in the event of an incident.

- Lab coats ensure that your personal clothing and body are protected against contaminants and potential workplace accidents. **Always wear your lab coat in the workplace** to avoid tracking contaminants home and prevent bodily harm.
- Safety eyewear is essential in preventing eye injuries, such as chemical splash or sharp/blunt impact, and **should always be worn in the workplace** where these hazards may be present. Never underestimate the potential for eye injury, regardless of how safe the workplace activities may seem.



MINIMUM PPE IN LABORATORIES

The [UC PPE Policy](#) states that the minimum required PPE to enter a laboratory is:

- Laboratory Coat (buttoned down)
- Safety Eyewear (ANSI Z87+ rated glasses or goggles)
- Long Pants (covers the ankles)
- Closed-Toed Shoes
- Gloves (if working at the lab bench)



Learn more about PPE, including free PPE, selection guides, laundering and more:

[ehs.ucr.edu/
laboratory/ppe](https://ehs.ucr.edu/laboratory/ppe)

PPE SPOT CHECKS

EH&S regularly walks through labs to conduct PPE spot checks for compliance with PPE policy. To improve communication on PPE usage, starting in 2026 EH&S is sending PPE compliance reports to supervisors after a check is complete.

The spot check report includes the date of the check and the PPE status of each person, including any missing PPE items. Reports do not include identifying information for members present. If you have questions about a PPE spot check, please contact ehslaboratory@ucr.edu.

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