



SAFETY ALERT

Unannounced Laboratory Safety Walkthroughs

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Important Notice – NEW Unannounced Laboratory Safety Walkthrough Program

With support from the Laboratory Safety Advisory Committee, Risk Management & Safety has developed a new Unannounced Laboratory Safety Walk Through Program ([link](#) to the new program). This new program is designed to evaluate the sustainability and effectiveness of hazard controls by observing and correcting unsafe acts and conditions arising from work being conducted in the lab during the visit.

The safety walk throughs will be brief, non-disruptive visits conducted by RMS and the Department Safety Coordinator, when available. The visit will be documented using a report format similar to the Joint Assessment. The results will be communicated to the PI/Supervisor, Principal Lab Contact and the Department Safety Coordinator.

Laboratories will be randomly selected for participation from a pool of eligible labs. Eligible labs are those that are not scheduled for a Joint Assessment during the same year.

The unannounced walk throughs will begin this August. RMS will publish another alert in July providing additional details on the provisions in the program.

The addition of this program will enhance our ability to further our laboratory health and safety program. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

