



SAFETY NOTICE

Changes in PPE Requirements

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REMINDER

New PPE Requirements for Laboratories—Effective January 2016

The University has recognized the need for increased laboratory safety including personal protective equipment (PPE). After reviewing PPE needs and taking into account various hazards and activities present in ND laboratories, the following default PPE requirements have been adopted:

- Safety glasses
- Pants/skirt to the ankles
- Closed-toe shoes with a substantial sole, and
- Shirt with the equivalent coverage of a T-shirt

These requirements apply to all individuals (laboratory personnel, visitors, students, service personnel, etc.) when inside a laboratory with identified hazards. The PPE requirements may be adjusted (upgraded or relaxed) depending on the hazards in the lab. Default PPE may be relaxed (except for shoe and shirt requirements) if:

1. A [PPE Hazard Assessment Form](#) has been completed documenting that all hazards requiring PPE **have been eliminated or mitigated via engineering controls**; For guidance on completing the Assessment refer to [PPE Hazard Assessment Form Instructions](#); and
2. The PI or designee requests a review of the PPE Hazard Assessment by the Department/Unit Safety Committee for the change; and
3. The Department/Unit Safety Committee and RMS approve the request for change

If approval is given to relax PPE default requirements, the PI or designee must post the modified requirements using the [standard door signage](#).

