# Laboratory Safety Standard

Why Do We Have This Standard?

### Objectives

Familiarize Attendees with Standard

Explain the BYU, Provo plan (prototype)

Have you participated in a service project...

#### Added Pressure for Professors

- Maintain continuing status through research (time)
- Peer Influence
- Possible Confrontation
- What else?



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#### Safety is Not "Natural"



Naturally More Negative Pressure

#### Some Positive Pressures:

- Principle Investigators are responsible
- Tort Law
- Ethically Correct to Keep Individuals Safe
- Prepare students

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#### What is a Laboratory

Handling & Use of Chemicals where all of the following are met:

- Chemical Manipulations are carried out on a "laboratory scale"
- The Procedures involved are not part of a production process, nor in any way simulate a production process; and
- Protective laboratory practices and equipment are available and in common use to minimize the potential for employee exposure to hazardous chemicals.

## Unique Setting

- 1. Very large variety, but small quantity
- 2. Processes can change frequently
- 3. Insignificant to highly hazardous (chemicals and processes)
- 4. Workers are intimately involved in designing their processes (unusual level of control over safety practices)
- 5. Many information sources, including MSDS (for high volume), but hazard and chemical info not always available



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**Teaching Laboratory** 

Pretty much repeat procedures every semester.

#### Question

How often would procedures need to be created?



Research Laboratory

Procedures change when research is changed.

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#### Goals

 Create a program that can be implemented...

…as easy as possible

Involves the Professors

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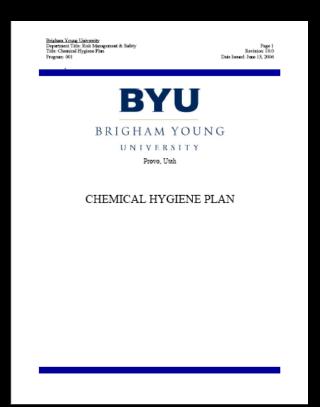
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CHEMICAL HYGIENE PLAN

Provo, Utah

#### Standard Overview

- 29 CFR 1910.1450
- Basic Requirements
  - Written Plan
  - Communicate Hazards
  - 3. Training Knowledge & Skills
  - 4. Control Exposures
  - 5. Offer Medical Consultation
  - 6. Establish Designated Areas



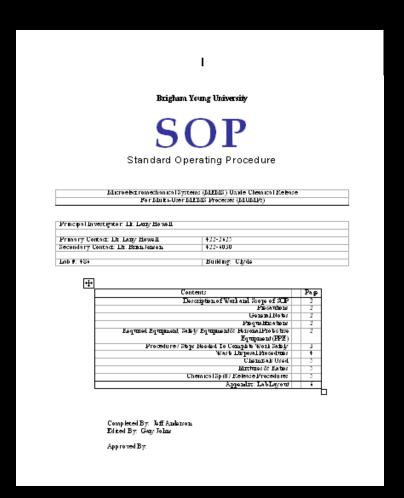
A performance based standard

#### Required Written CHP Elements

- Standard Operating Procedures
- 2. Criteria to determine and implement control measures (selection, use, maintenance, replacement)
- 3. Procedures for ensuring lab hoods and PPE are functioning properly (proper & adequate performance)
- 4. Provisions for information & training
- 5. Circumstances for prior approval
- 6. Provisions for medical consultation
- 7. Designation of those responsible
- 8. Provisions for additional employee protection when using carcinogens, reproductive toxins, highly toxics
  - Establish Designated area
  - Use of containment devices
  - Procedures for safe removal of waste
  - Decon Procedures

## Standard Operating Procedures

- Introduction
- Chemicals Used & States
- Specified Hazards
- Purchasing
- Storage
- Authorized Personnel
- Training
- Designated Areas
- Exposure Assessment
- Exposure Controls
- PPE Use Requirements
- Decon Procedures
- Emergency Procedures
- Phone Numbers



#### Control Measures

- Engineering Controls
- Administrative Controls
- PPE



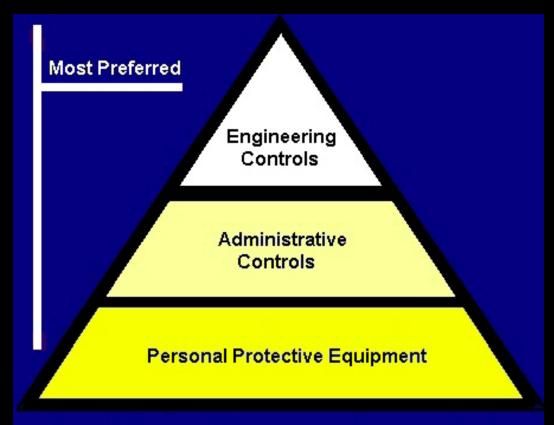








- -Elimination
- -Substitution
- -Process Modification



In most situations it is necessary to use engineering controls in conjunction with other controls.

OSHA requires implementation of engineering controls (if practical & feasible) prior to using other controls.

### Ensure Controls are Functioning

- Ventilation
  - Laboratory Hoods
    - Face Velocity Test
    - Visible Gages
    - Kimwipe Test



- Personal Protective Equipment
  - Upon Purchase
  - Prior to Use
  - Following Each Use

## Information & Training

Knowledge

Skills

Abilities

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SOP

Standard Operating Procedure

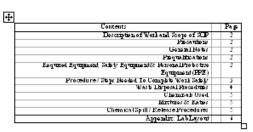
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## Prior Approval

#### Risk Assessment:

- Likelihood of Event
- Severity of Outcome



#### **Medical Consultation**

Signs & Symptoms

Exposure Monitoring Reveals High Levels

Spill, leak, etc.

## Responsibility

- Chemical Hygiene Officer
- Principle Investigator
- Other Employees
- Students

# Carcinogens, Reproductive Toxins, and Highly Toxic Chemicals

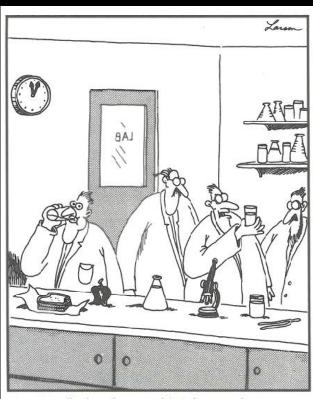


**Designated Areas** 

#### **Elements Common CHP Elements**

#### Standard Policy Elements:

- Standard Attire
- Container Labeling
- Housekeeping
- Use of Laboratory Hoods
- Selection of Protective Gloves
- Emergency Numbers
- Chemical Waste Management
- Training



"What the? ... This is lemonade! Where's my culture of amoebic dysentery?"

### Laboratory Safety Program

#### May Include:

- Chemical Hygiene Plan
- Laser Safety Program
- Radiation Safety Program
- Biosafety Program
- Other



Centers around the work performed in the laboratory

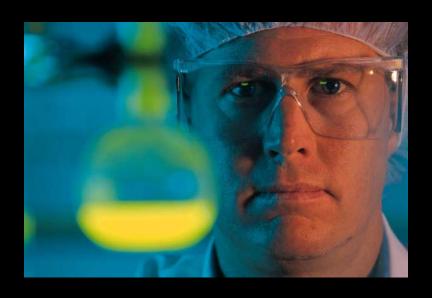
#### Resources Available

- Safety Office/Team
- Online Information
- Students
- Etc.



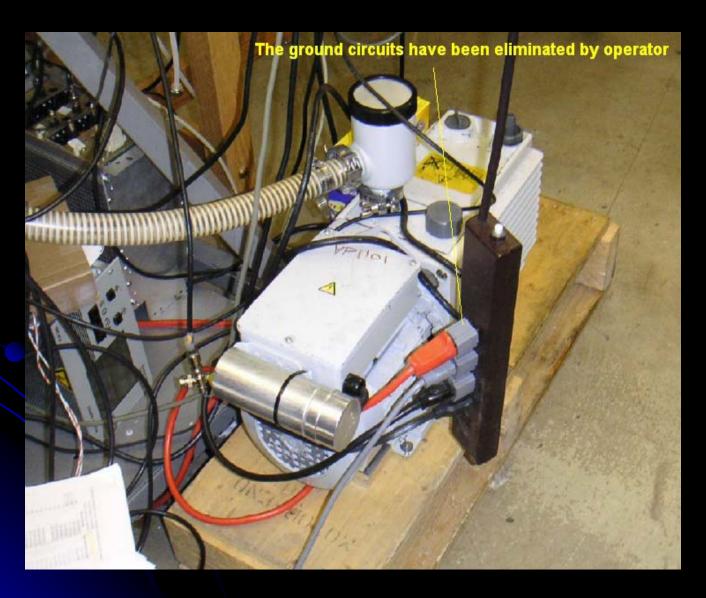
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### Five Keys



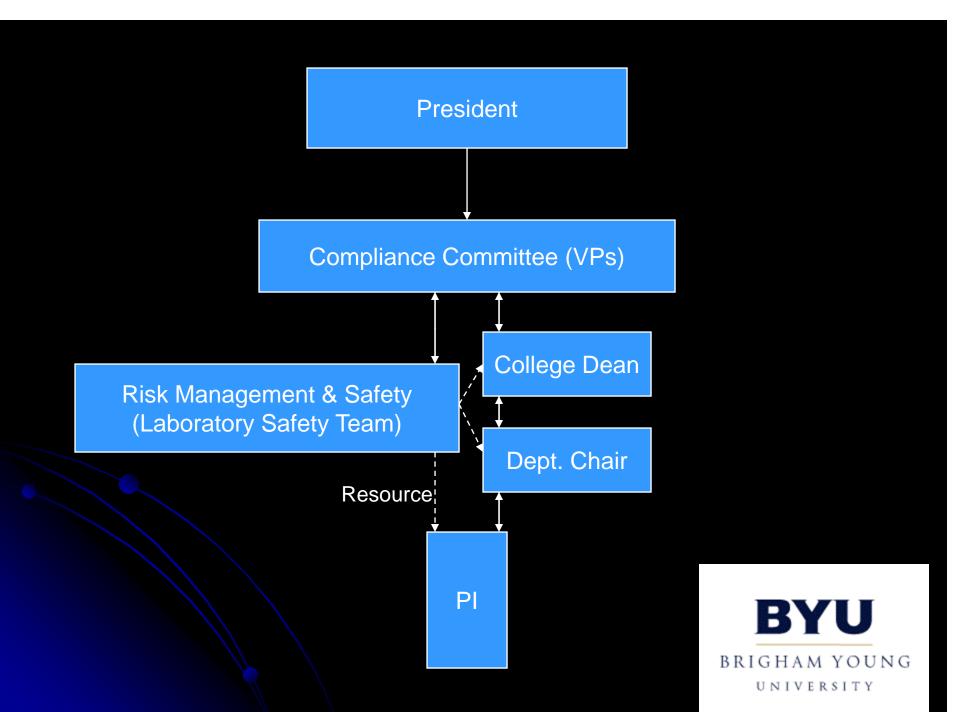
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- Professors Integrate Safety
- Share Standard Operating Procedures
- Utilize Students

## Other Hazards



## Summary

- Performance Based Standard, States Objectives
- Program Development Must Involve Professors
- Important Keys:
  - University Supports Safety Programs
  - Safety Office Provides Framework & Support
  - Professors Integrate Safety
  - Share Standard Operating Procedures
  - Utilize Students



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