

McMaster University

Laboratory Workplace Inspection By Supervisor

Date: _____ Inspected by: _____ Department of: _____ Building: _____ Lab #: _____

Description	S - Satisfactory	N - Not Satisfactory	N/A	Hazard Class	Training/Refresher Training	Changes on Procedures, Equipment, Processes	Date Action To Be Taken
Emergency							
Exit routes clearly marked and unobstructed							
Aisles are clear and unobstructed							
Exit lights are operational and clearly visible on exit routes							
Emergency contacts and telephone numbers posted on the exterior door leading into the lab							
Warning notices posted on the exterior door indicating radiation, magnetic field, laser, level 2/level 3, etc.							
Fire extinguisher(s) tagged with date checked (monthly)							
Eye Wash and Shower stations operating and date checked (tag or sticker)							
Emergency notices are posted and visible							
Chemical/Biological Spill Kits available							
If applicable, fire hose cabinet with recent date checked (tag or sticker)							
First Aid Kit available and names posted of those certified in standard first aid							
Safety window in the exterior door is not obstructed							
Notes:							
WHMIS RMM #501							
Up to date inventory of chemicals used in the lab							
MSDS are available, easily accessible and up to date							
Labeling is used							
Designated Substance Present RMM #500							
Copy of assessment readily available							
PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) RMM #320							
Closed toed shoes are worn							
Lab coats, appropriate chemical gloves, appropriate eyewear for lab task in use							
If applicable: face shield, hearing protection available							
Notes:							

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Fume Hoods							
Fume hoods have annual check (sticker)							
Sash lowered to appropriate level							
Interior of fume hood is not cluttered with apparatus to disrupt air flow							
Vent Alert is operating and in active position							
Hoods are not being used for storage							
Chemical Storage and Handling							
Storage of organic peroxides, dated, tested after expiry (6 months) or disposed of							
Refrigerators containing chemical/biohazardous substances are labeled to identify, including restrictions							
If applicable, refrigerator is explosion safe or explosion proof, according to use							
Chemicals are stored according to compatibility							
Flammable storage cabinet is clearly marked							
Gas cylinders properly secured and either capped or fitted with a regulator							
Flammable gases are not stored in lab(i.e. propane, acetylene)							
Corrosive chemical storage area(s) is labeled; corrosive materials are stored low to ground							
Flammables stored away from heat or other ignition sources							
Safety carriers are available and in use while transporting chemicals							
General							
No Eating/Drinking Signage is posted							
Bench tops and work areas clean and tidy							
Fluorescent tubes/bulbs are lit, and shades secured							
Ceiling tiles secured and in place and shows no sign of water damage							
Aisles and exit ways clear from obstructions							
Pipetting is performed by mechanical means							
Waste							
Hazardous waste containers appropriately labeled							
Sharps disposed into labeled, puncture-proof containers, needles are not recapped							
Biological (i.e. pathogenic) waste disposed of in (hospital red) (campus yellow) bags							
Radioactive wastes properly contained and appropriately labeled							
Broken glass containers are available and in use							
Equipment							
Centrifuges - with interlocks							
Electrophoresis equipment - with interlocks/high voltage sticker							
Condition of Bunsen burner tubing							
Autoclave has adequate space							
Piping (tubing), valves, and fittings checked for integrity							
Equipment, tools, pulleys, belts, having exposed moving parts are guarded							

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Electrical							
Electrical equipment, power strips, cords/plugs, no evidence of cuts, fraying or other damage							
Equipment meets the Electrical Safety Authority standards (stickers on equipment)							
Notes:							
Ergonomics							
Computer monitors positioned properly							
Material stored in cabinets/counters are within best practice reaching range							
Sufficient counter space to work							
Manual handling techniques are practiced (i.e. dolly/cart used, reducing the load when lifting)							
Notes:							

Comments from lab users when interviewed during the lab workplace inspection (i.e. practices, equipment, procedures, ergonomics, etc.):

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