

## Our Mission

The mission of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) is to ensure that an environmentally responsible, safe and healthy work, research, and study environment exists for the University of Toronto community.

We all share the responsibility to maintain a safe environment. Faculty, staff, librarians, and students must work together to ensure that the University meets its health and safety obligations. Our office is here to provide information, training, and guidance.



## Right to Know

Everyone has a right to work in a safe environment. Workers, supervisors, and managers should ensure they know about their responsibilities in order to promote a safe workplace.



## Training

EHS offers training courses in a broad range of topics at no charge to departments. These courses provide information about policies, programs, and procedures that have been developed to help everyone work safely.

Please visit our website for a complete list of courses. For specific training requirements, please contact your supervisor.

## Contact Info

Each campus has a local EHS office which serves as the point of contact for addressing environmental health and safety issues and implementing EHS programs and services.

### General Inquiries

St. George Campus:  
E-mail: [ehs.office@utoronto.ca](mailto:ehs.office@utoronto.ca)  
Phone: 416.978.4467

Mississauga Campus:  
E-mail: [ehs.office@utoronto.ca](mailto:ehs.office@utoronto.ca)  
Phone: 905.301.4855

Scarborough Campus:  
E-mail: [ehs.utsc@utoronto.ca](mailto:ehs.utsc@utoronto.ca)  
Phone: 416.208.5141

### In an Emergency

In case of a fire, injury or illness requiring emergency medical help: Call emergency services at (9) 9-1-1.

In case of chemical emergencies, such as spills:  
Call 416.978.7000 (EPS)

### After Hours Emergency - Campus Safety

(Weekdays after 4 PM, all day weekends, and holidays)

St. George Campus: 416.978.2222  
Mississauga Campus: 905.569.4333  
Scarborough Campus: 416.978.2222

### Hazardous Waste - St. George Campus

E-mail: [eps.hazdisposal@utoronto.ca](mailto:eps.hazdisposal@utoronto.ca)  
For questions: 416.978.7000  
For service: 416.946.3473

### Health & Wellness - St. George Campus (For Students)

Address: 700 Bay St. (use Gerrard St. entrance)  
E-mail: [info.hwc@utoronto.ca](mailto:info.hwc@utoronto.ca)  
Phone: 416.978.8030

### Health & Well-Being - St. George Campus (For Staff)

E-mail: [hwb@utoronto.ca](mailto:hwb@utoronto.ca)  
Phone: 416.946.05377

# Environmental Health and Safety



## Work Research Study

Occupational Hygiene & Safety  
Occupational Health  
Lab Chemical Safety  
Biosafety  
Radiation Safety



## Our Services

### Occupational Hygiene and Safety

The Occupational Hygiene and Safety (OHS) Group provides a wide range of services including assessments, program development, training, and advice. OHS assists with:

- Accident investigations
- First aid
- Asbestos and other Designated Substances
- Mould
- Noise
- Ergonomics
- Odours and indoor air quality
- Heat and cold stress
- Respiratory protection
- Lockout-tagout
- Working at heights
- Confined spaces
- General H&S concerns

### Occupational Health

The focus of Occupational Health Services is to prevent injury and illness in the workplace through administering a range of medical surveillance programs including:

- Pre-placement assessment
- Animal care
- TB screening
- Hearing conservation
- Asbestos
- Laser
- Biosafety and CL3
- Vaccinations

### Lab Chemical Safety

The Chemical and Lab Safety Group assists professors, staff, and students with all aspects of lab safety that are not related to biological or radiological issues.

Support is provided through training, site assessments, inspections, annual fume hood and alarm certification, lab commissioning, safety procedures, and programs. The group provides services in a diverse number of fields including:

- Chemical safety
- Nanomaterials
- Lab ventilation
- Chemical inventory (HECHMET)
- Compressed gases
- Liquefied gases
- Field safety

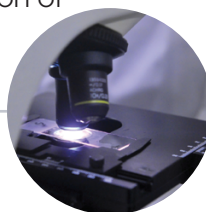


## Dedicated to your Health and Safety

### Biosafety

The Biosafety Group provides a number of services to assist teaching and research labs that use biological materials, and for non-lab staff that may encounter such materials in their work.

We identify biosafety and biosecurity concerns, provide training, medical surveillance, and assistance with risk assessments, review of physical containment and operational practices, and interpretation of regulatory requirements.



### Radiation Safety

The Radiation Safety Group offers staff and students a comprehensive range of safety training programs and services in accordance to regulatory requirements and safety codes in these main hazard areas:

- Radiation safety
- X-ray safety
- Laser safety
- UV and EMF safety



### Hazardous Waste

Environmental Protection Services (EPS), division of Facilities & Services, is responsible for the collection and disposal of chemical, biological, and radioactive waste materials. EPS also provides proper labelling, some packaging (pails and drums), and guidance for storage of hazardous waste generated through research, teaching labs, and spills.

## Workplace Accidents/Incidents

Any workplace accident, incidence of illness, or near miss (i.e., incident that does not result in injury) is important. Report it immediately to your supervisor, who is responsible for ensuring prompt medical attention. The supervisor is also required to conduct an accident investigation and file a report within 24 hours.

This also applies to students, contractors, and visitors involved in an accident or incident on campus.

The EHS website has information on incident procedures and online forms for easy reporting.



## Joint Health and Safety Committees

Joint Health and Safety Committees (JHSCs) are advisory groups with representation from management and workers. JHSCs are required under the Occupational Health and Safety Act. The committees meet regularly to discuss workplace health and safety concerns.

If you have any concerns about your work environment, you should first discuss them with your supervisor. You can also contact your local JHSC or local EHS office for assistance.

If you are unsure which committee represents your workplace, ask your supervisor or visit our website.