

National Institutes of Health

What's New?

Updates to the 2021 NIH Chemical Hygiene Plan

Each year, the CHP is updated to reflect the most recent chemical safety information and policies. The updates ensure that the plan continues to serve as a valuable resource to the NIH laboratory research community.

[THE FULL PLAN IS AVAILABLE ONLINE](#)

This year's updates include:

✓ New content:

- Ø Section VII – Control of Exposure to Hazardous Chemicals
 - § BSCs were added to the list of engineering controls
- Ø Appendix B – Guidance for Identifying Particularly Hazardous Substances
 - § Replaced the small and outdated list of chemicals with a decision chart and hyperlinks to more comprehensive resource lists of chemicals that can be considered PHSs
- Ø Appendix E – Selection of PPE
 - § Added “Eye and Face Protection Selection Information”
- Ø Acronyms – added entries for the American Cancer Society (ACS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), PubChem, and TOXLINE

✓ New links:

- Ø Section XII – Medical Consultation and Medical Examination
 - § [OSHA's medical screening and surveillance standards](#)
- Ø Appendix B – Guidance for Identifying Particularly Hazardous Substances
 - § [ACS website on Known and Probable Human Carcinogens](#)
 - § [EPA list of hazardous wastes](#)

✓ Enhancements:

- Ø Section VII – Moved the “Special Note on Medical Conditions Including Pregnancy” to Section XII with revised language