

UC Davis Policy and Procedure Manual

Chapter 290, Health and Safety Services

Section 06, Safety Standards and Interactions with Regulatory Agencies

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Responsible Department: Environmental Health and Safety

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I. Purpose

This section establishes policies and procedures for the interaction of UC Davis personnel with representatives of health and safety regulatory agencies. See UCDHS Hospital Policies & Procedures Manual Section 1053 for additional information on regulatory agency reviews at UC Davis Health System.

II. Policy

- A. It is the policy of the University to cooperate with Federal, State, and local government inspectors.
- B. For the health and welfare of visitors including employees' children, access to areas not generally open to the public (laboratories, shops, agricultural and animal areas) is provided only under supervision and with the approval of the department head. Department heads may issue more restrictive visitor policies at their discretion.

III. Responsibilities

- A. The Office of Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) provides technical assistance to interpret regulatory requirements dealing with environmental health and safety issues that are applicable to UC Davis facilities and activities.
- B. EH&S serves as liaison with the regulatory agencies.
- C. The Associate Vice Chancellor-- Safety Services or his/her designated representative will accompany any representative of local, State, or Federal regulatory agencies during any investigation or inspection of UCD-controlled facilities.
 - 1. The Associate Vice Chancellor--Safety Services or his/her designee will inform Employee and Labor Relations of the investigation or inspection.
 - 2. Labor Relations will contact bargaining unit representatives to offer the opportunity to accompany the regulatory agency representative and EH&S, as appropriate.
- D. Department heads, supervisors, and employees are responsible for compliance with health, safety, and environmental regulations as they relate to operations under their control.

IV. Procedures

Call EH&S on campus (530-752-1493) or at UCDHS (916-734-2740) for the following:

- A. To refer regulatory or safety representatives who wish to investigate or inspect any UC Davis facility.
- B. To request an audit or evaluation of any existing facility, equipment, or activity that appears to present a health or safety hazard.
- C. To request information and assistance regarding departmental safety procedures.

V. References

- A. California Code of Regulations, Title 8.
- B. Office of the President: University Policy on Environmental Health and Safety, 10/22/86.