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INTRODUCTION

The Microbiology Department of Toronto Medical Laboratories / Mount Sinai Hospital is committed to the safety of its employees and to the safety of the working environment. Safe practices and working conditions are the responsibility of both the employer and the employee.

Policies in this manual are in accordance with:

- ◆ Occupational Health and Safety Act
- ◆ Hospital Corporate Policy
- ◆ Infection Control Policies
- ◆ University Health Network Laboratory Safety Manual
- ◆ Mount Sinai Hospital General Laboratory Safety Manual
- ◆ Laboratory Centre for Disease Control
- ◆ Centers for Disease Control and National Institutes of Health
- ◆ Laboratory Safety CSMLS Guidelines

The Laboratory Safety Manual is intended to address universal safety measures for achieving a safe and healthy working environment. It describes good laboratory practices that must be understood and observed by all individuals involved in the laboratory. It describes control measures essential for protecting all laboratory occupants from potential biological, chemical and physical hazards. These controls consist of, but are not limited to, policies, guidelines, training requirements, standard operating procedures, personal protective equipment, laboratory inspections, hazard evaluations, and engineering controls.

For hazards beyond the scope of this manual, specific standard operating procedures must be developed by the Laboratory Supervisor or Principle Investigator.

Additional Resources for Safety

www.ccohs.ca

www.cdc.gov/niosh/

www.saftpak.com

www.cdc.gov/od/ohs

www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb/lcdc/biosafety/index.html

www.hchsa.on.ca

www.safety.ubc.ca

www.whsc.on.ca

www.fishersci.ca

- Dangerous Goods Regulations
- Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Pathology Laboratory Medicine Safety Manual
- Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines 1996