

FSE OHS Guidance on Chemicals and Other Hazards in FSE Programs:

What areas are there with students who have or might request chemicals?

Research labs, academic labs (courses), non-lab courses, student org's, EPICS, FURI, and other programs.

What's the issue? Have we had problems?

Sadly, yes. Although research labs and academic courses with lab components are well set up to manage hazardous chemicals and processes, many of our other programs are not so well prepared mostly because they aren't meant to be.

Who is/are responsible for student safety?

Course faculty, PIs, Advisors/Mentors, staff, and students – all have some overlapping and different responsibilities. Course faculty, PIs, Advisors/Mentors have primary responsibility for what occurs in their classes, labs, programs, etc. EHS, Risk Management, the Fire Marshal, and the OGC all rely upon our having a faculty and/or staff person supervising students and being responsible for them. Staff are also responsible for students – especially in their programs when it is part of their normal duties. And of course, the students themselves are also responsible for their own safety (as we all are in life).

“Who ya gonna call?”

Well, not Ghostbusters. Instead please ask faculty and staff. See below for specific contacts.

How can we prevent hazardous conditions and other problems before they occur?

Ask questions, discuss plans, request permissions, choose wisely. Consult the “Safety Checklist” that complements this guidance document. It's often prudent to advise the student(s) to seek another path or plan that doesn't involve chemicals. It might take too long to both assess and implement the necessary steps only to have to stop the student's project after several weeks and to have to start over.

What about on one's own (away from ASU)?

No. ASU is still responsible for academic work, research (in-the-field or on-campus), and some other activities. We don't want anyone getting injured or exposed, property damaged, or the environment impacted. Please communicate to students that chemical work on their own is inappropriate.

What if I've got questions?

Good! Contact the following staff:

Safety: Jonathan Klane or Amanda Hoyt

Devil's Invent: Brittany Martin

EPICS: Stephanie Gillespie or Jared Schoepf

E-Spaces and other tools: Matt McWhorter

FURI: Cortney Loui

FSOs: Cortney Loui or Myrna Martinez

Innovation Showcase: Jesus Chavez

CIDSE: Lincoln Slade

ECEE: Rita Bottesch

Poly: Scott Almen

SBHSE: Alana LaBelle

SEMTE: Fred Pena

SEMTE Student Shop: Leonard Bucholtz

SSEBE: Peter Goguen, Stan Klonowski, or Jeff Long

Structures Shop: Chris Wilkes

Contact FSE's OHS at jonathan.klane@asu.edu or Amanda.L.Hoyt@asu.edu.