

# CoSec Training

Safety @  
EPFL



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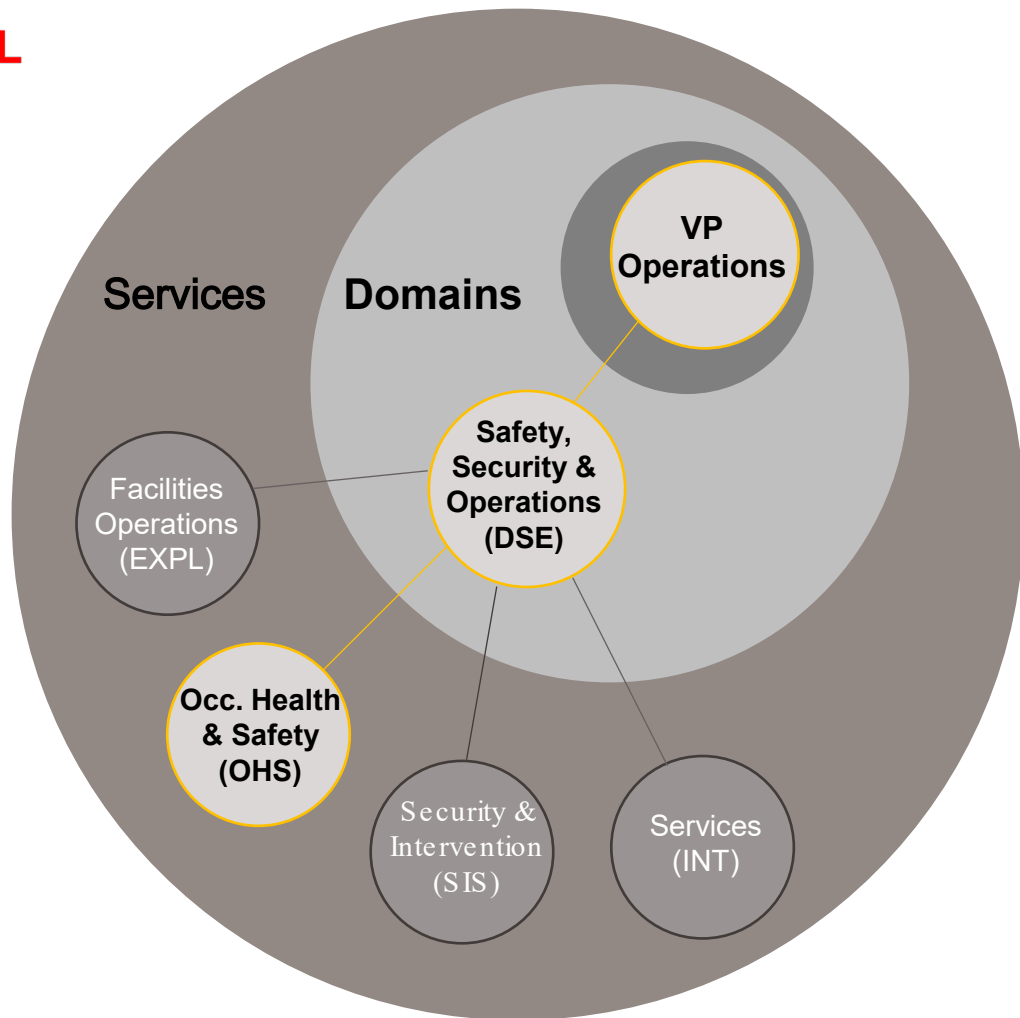
**«Establish a safe, healthy and pleasant work environment in which the community can thrive.»**

- ☐ Hazards identification
- ☐ Risk control
- ☐ Ergonomics
- ☐ Health control

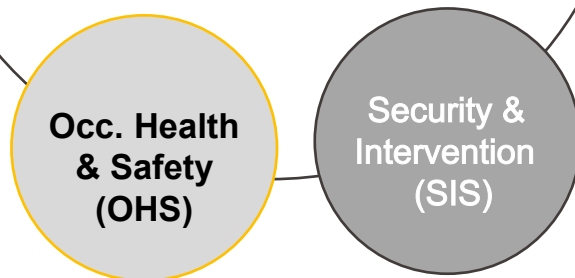
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Two services provide support on **Safety and Security** to EPFL staff



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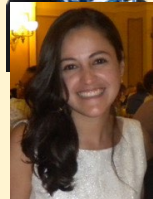
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Gas



Laser



Nano



Cryo



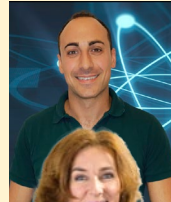
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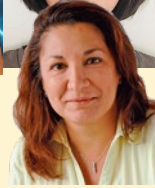
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Electricity



Bio



Chemistry, Storage, manipulation authorization



Roof, machinery safety, Workshop



ADR



Special Waste



Glove box / Mechanical safety



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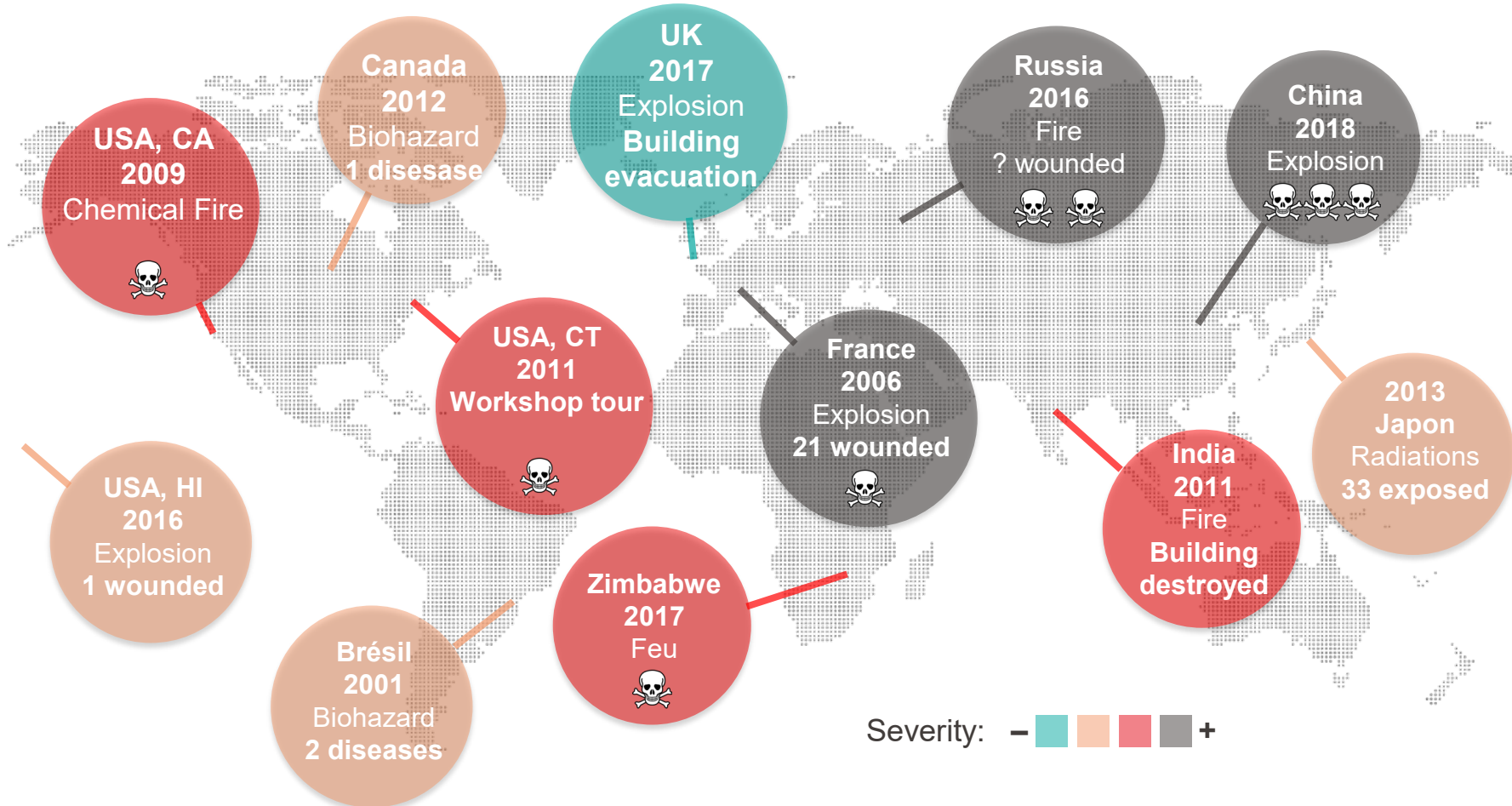
**Why did  
EPFL decide  
to have  
CoSecs ?**



# BSP (Cubotron) – 2006.04.01



# Accidents happened in Academia







Ge Guo

**2018 – Exton, USA, Frontage Laboratories**

Died as a result of exposure to potassium cyanide.

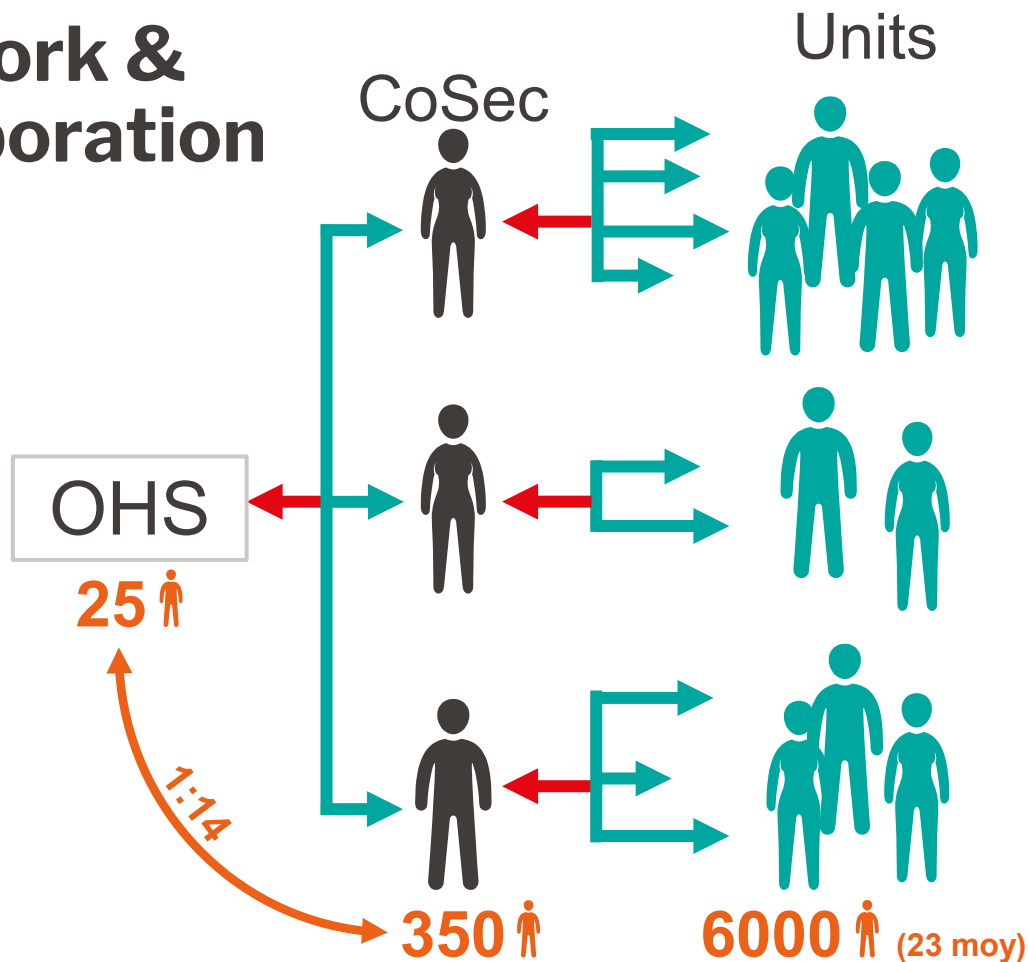


Roland Daigle

**2008 – Nova Scotia, Canada**

Trimethylsilyldiazomethane (TMSD) poisoning. The laboratory fume hood was not working due to work on the roof of the building.

# Network & collaboration





# Cosec specifications

# Cosec Specifications

(cahier des charges)



- Act as the primary **contact person** for Occupational Health and Safety (OHS).
- Conduct welcome sessions on OHS rules and work **procedures for new members and guests** of the unit.
- Communicate **safety information to unit** personnel.
- Communicate **safety information to OHS**.
- Report **safety-related issues** and **accidents** to OHS promptly.
- **Be familiar with alarm systems**, building evacuation procedures, and the use of emergency equipment.
- Update and manage **door safety sheets** annually or whenever changes occur.

# Introduction for new lab users



A checklist of key points to cover during the introduction of new lab users (including students and visiting researchers) is available for the COSEC and must be used to ensure all essential topics are addressed.

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/lab-safety/cosec-and-biosafety-officers/>

# Cosec Specifications

(cahier des charges)



- Periodically check and update shared **personal protective equipment (PPE)**.
- Ensure that requested **safety changes within the unit** are properly implemented.
- Attend **specific safety meetings and training sessions**.
- Enforce emergency measures to **eliminate any imminent danger**.
- **Oversee procedures related to:** chemical storage, waste collection, and transfer to faculty storage areas.
- Support occupational health and **safety (OHS) visits** and **manage the implementation of corrective actions**.

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# Occupational Safety - Basics





## Hazard

A hazard is something that has the potential to harm you.



Class 2

Class 1

Confinement principles



Working environment



## Exposure

Behavior: How you perform the manipulation with the hazard



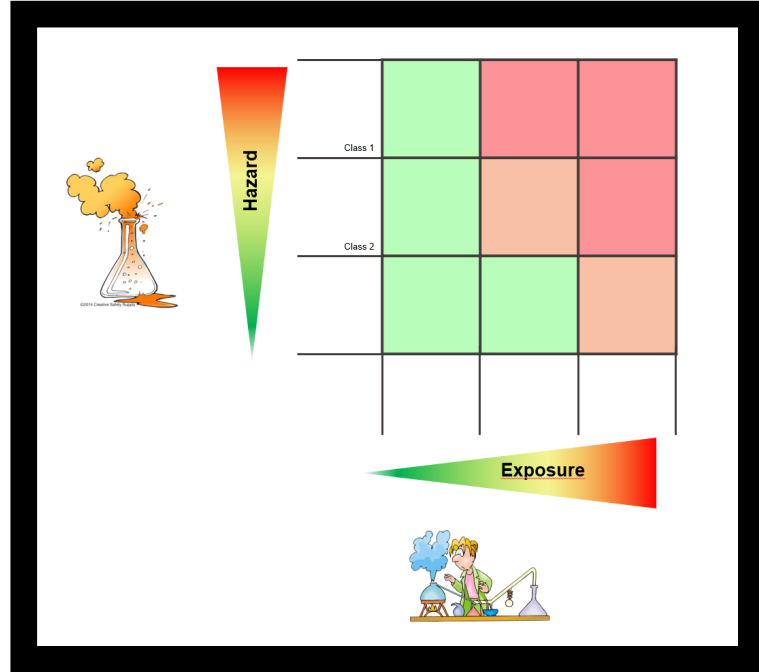
Rules & procedures

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## Risk

The risk is the likelihood of a hazard causing you harm in case of contact.





- **What is dangerous?**

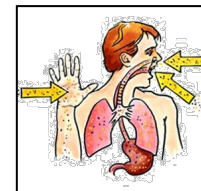


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- Why is dangerous?



- How much is dangerous?



Hazard

# Risk Matrix











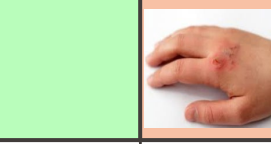
Hazard

 Class 1		 Class 1	 Class 1
 Class 2		 Class 2	 Class 2
			 Class 2

# Risk Matrix



Hazard

 Class 1		
 Class 2		
		

Exposure



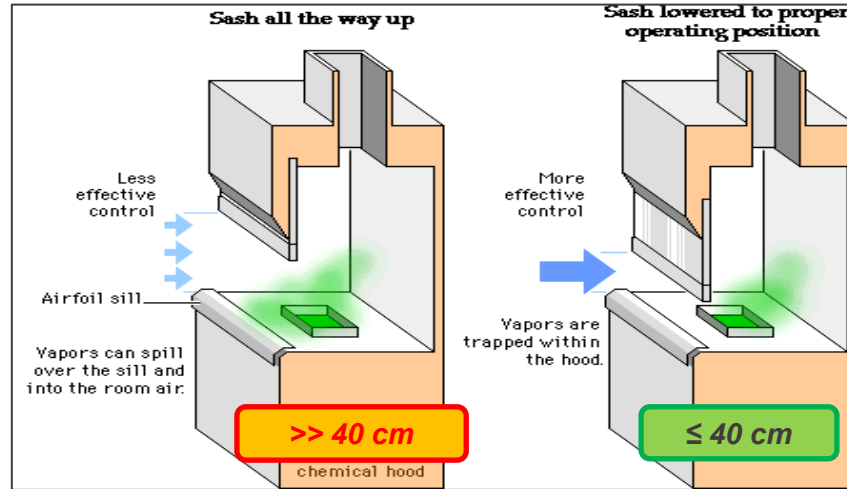
**Chemical  
exposure –  
Fume hood**



# Confinement reliability issue



# Minimum front air issue ...

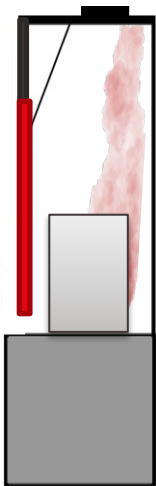


weaker confinement => increased probability of exposure

# Confinement principle

## Possible usages of fume hood

Sash closed



Large equipment  
or no manipulation

Sash opening = 50 cm



Sash opening  $< 50$  cm  
V max turned on



Technical measures to  
ensure full confinement  
→ i.e. Glove box



Risk

Confinement efficiency

P (exposure)

# Risk Matrix



Hazard

<p>Class 1</p>			
<p>Class 2</p>			



Technical measures to ensure full confinement  
\* i.e. Glove box



Sash opening  $\leq 40$  cm  
V max turned on



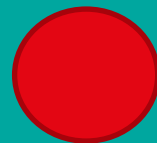
Sash opening = 40 cm



Exposure

- What is dangerous?
- Why is dangerous?
- How much is dangerous?

- Working environment
- Behavior



# Break

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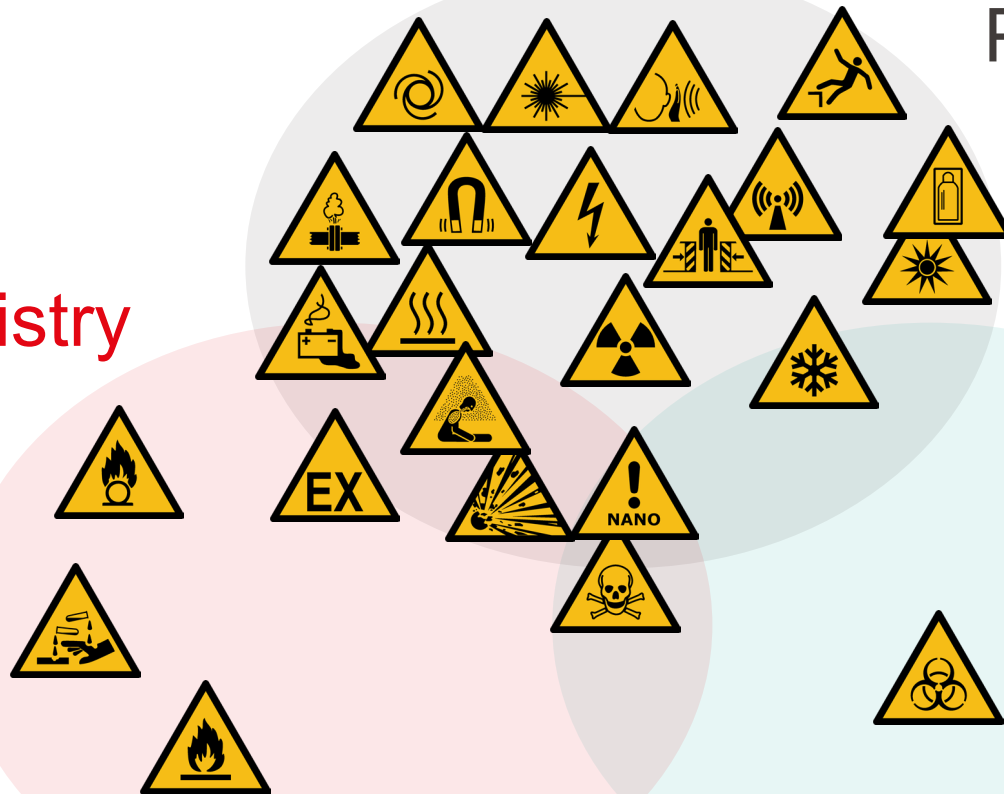
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# Hazard identification

# Chemistry

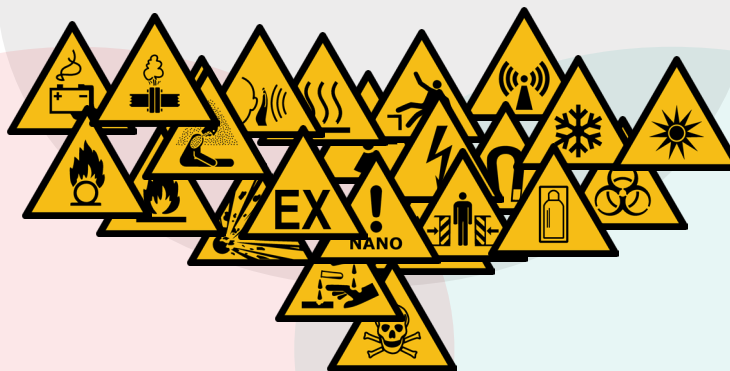
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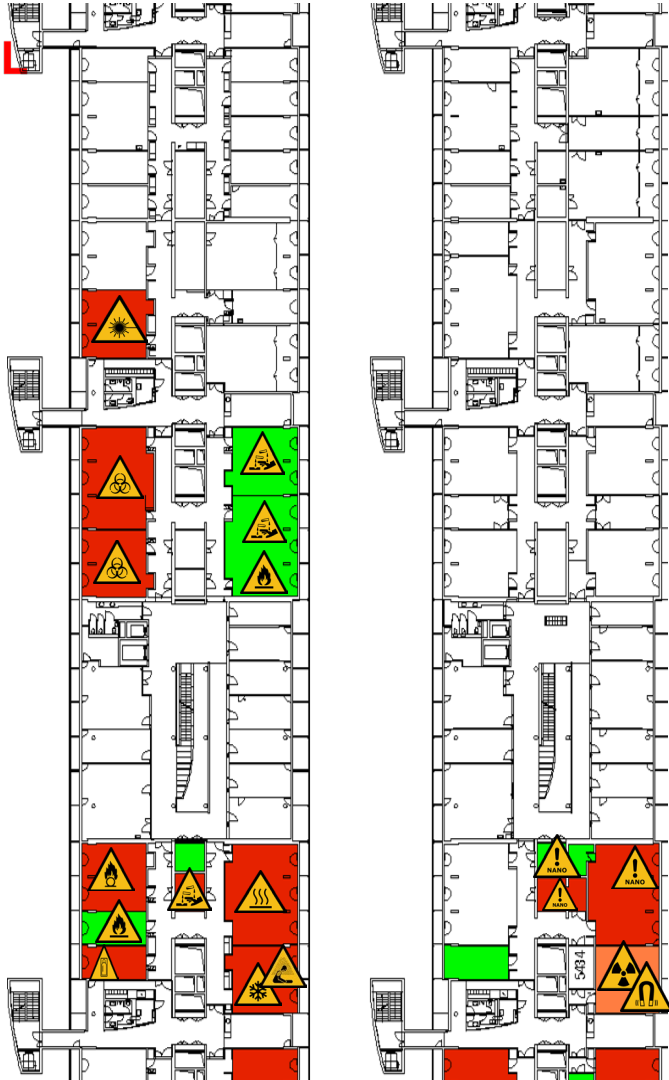




# Chemistry

# Biology





# Hazards cadaster

## Hazards are categorized in three levels

		Hazard			
		Absent	Low	Moderate	High
		No analysis needed	No analysis needed	Analysis relevance evaluated on a case-by-case basis	Analysis validating the existence of sufficient measures
	Flammable	Absent	$V \leq 15 \text{ L}$	$15 \text{ L} < V \leq 50 \text{ L}$	$V > 50 \text{ L}$
	Laser	Absent	Class 1 & 2	Class 3R	Class 3B & 4
	Biological hazard	Absent	NSB 1	NSB 2	NSB 3 & 4
	Cryogenics	Absent	$15^\circ\text{C} > T > 5^\circ\text{C}$	$5^\circ\text{C} \geq T > -5^\circ\text{C}$	$T \leq -5^\circ\text{C}$

Marendaz, Safety Science 53 (2013)



**Key resources  
to facilitate the  
work**



# EPFL Safety data sheet & Operating manual

## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

Catalogue No. 106009  
Product name Methanol for analysis EMSURE® ACS,ISO,Reag. Ph Eur

Flammable liquid, Category 2, H225  
Acute toxicity, Category 3, Oral, H301  
Acute toxicity, Category 3, Inhalation, H331  
Acute toxicity, Category 3, Dermal, H311  
Specific target organ toxicity - single exposure, Category 1, Eyes, H370  
For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

### 2.2 Label elements

Labelling (REGULATION (EC) No 1272/2008)

#### Hazard pictograms



Signal word  
Danger

#### Hazard statements

H225 Highly flammable liquid and vapour.  
H301 + H311 + H331 Toxic if swallowed, in contact with skin or if inhaled.  
H370 Causes damage to organs (Eyes).

#### Precautionary statements

##### Prevention

P210 Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.  
P240 Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.  
P280 Wear protective gloves/ protective clothing.

##### Response

P302 + P352 IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.  
P304 + P340 IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.

P308 + P310 IF exposed or concerned: immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/ physician.  
Storage



## Centrifuge 5804/5804 R/5810/5810 R Operating manual

EN

Operating manual

### 5.2.4 Loading the rotor



#### Risk of injury due to asymmetric loading of a rotor.

- ▶ Load rotors symmetrically with identical tubes or plates or buckets.
- ▶ Only load adapters with suitable tubes or plates.
- ▶ Always use tubes or plates of the same type (weight, material/density and volume).
- ▶ Check that loading is symmetrical by balancing the adapters and tubes or plates used with scales.



#### Risk from damaged or overloaded tubes.

- ▶ When loading the rotor, observe the safety precautions on dangers as a result of overloaded or damaged tubes (see *Warnings for intended use* on p. 43).



The device automatically detects imbalances during operation and stops the run immediately with an error message and a signal tone.  
▶ Check the load, balance the tubes and restart the run.

#### Fixed-angle rotors

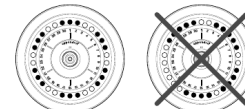


##### Rotor lid!

- Fixed-angle rotors may only be operated with the appropriate rotor lid in each case. This is clearly shown by the identical rotor name labelling on the rotor and on the rotor lid.
- To carry out an aerosol-tight centrifugation, an aerosol-tight rotor must be used in combination with the corresponding rotor lid or cap.

To load the rotor, proceed as follows:

1. Check the maximum load (adapter, tube and contents) per rotor bore.  
The information about this can be found on the rotor and in this operating manual (see *Rotors* on p. 13).
2. Load rotors and adapters only with the tubes intended for them.
3. Insert tubes opposite each other in pairs into the rotor bores. To ensure symmetric loading, tubes that are arranged opposite each other must be of the same type and contain the same filling quantity.



To minimize weight differences between filled sample tubes, we recommend taring with a scale. This will reduce wear on the drive and reduce running noise.

4. Attach and tighten rotor lid.

The SDS is composed of **16 different chapters**, which give you information about **5 categories**

## General information

1. Identification of the substance
3. Composition

## Hazards

2. Identification of hazards
9. Chemical and Physical properties
10. Stability and reactivity
11. Toxicological information
12. Ecological information

## Emergency

4. First aid
5. Firefighting measures
6. Accidental release measures

## Prevention

7. Manipulation and storage
8. Exposure controls/personal protection
15. Regulatory information
16. Other information

## Elimination/ Transport

13. Disposal considerations
14. Transport information

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

according to Regulation (EC) No. 1907/2006

Version 6.5

Revision Date 24.02.2023

Print Date 10.01.2024

GENERIC EU MSDS - NO COUNTRY SPECIFIC DATA - NO OEL DATA

### SECTION 1: Identification of the substance/mixture and of the company/undertaking

#### 1.1 Product identifiers

Product name : Hydrofluoric acid

Product Number : 339261

Brand : SIGALD

REACH No. : This product is a mixture. REACH Registration Number see section 3.

#### 1.2 Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against

Identified uses : Laboratory chemicals, Manufacture of substances

#### 1.3 Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

Company : Sigma-Aldrich Chemie GmbH  
Industriestrasse 25  
CH-9471 BUCHS

Telephone : +41 81 755 2511

Fax : +41 81 756 5449

E-mail address : technischerService@merckgroup.com

#### 1.4 Emergency telephone

Emergency Phone # : +41 43-508-2011 (CHEMTREC)  
+41 44-251-5151 (Tox-Zentrum)  
145(Tox Info Suisse)

### SECTION 2: Hazards identification

#### 2.1 Classification of the substance or mixture

##### Classification according to Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Acute toxicity, Oral (Category 2), H300

Acute toxicity, Inhalation (Category 2), H330

Acute toxicity, Dermal (Category 1), H310

Skin corrosion (Sub-category 1A), H314

Serious eye damage (Category 1), H318


For the full text of the H-Statements mentioned in this Section, see Section 16.

#### 2.2 Label elements

##### Labelling according Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008

Pictogram





# HOW TO READ A SAFETY DATA SHEET

**OSHA Brief**

The Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) 29 CFR 1910.1201, revised in 2012, requires that the chemical manufacturer, distributor, or importer prepare Safety Data Sheets (SDSs) (formerly MSDS or Material Safety Data Sheets) for each hazardous chemical to downstream users to communicate information on these hazards. This brief provides guidance to help workers who handle hazardous chemicals to become familiar with the format and understand the contents of the SDSs.

The SDS includes information such as the properties of each chemical; the physical, health, and environmental hazards it presents; protective measures; and safety precautions for handling, storing, and transporting the chemical. The information contained in the SDS is available in English although it may be in other languages as well. In addition, OSHA requires that SDSs present specific minimum information as detailed in Appendix C of 29 CFR 1910.1201. The SDSs may also include additional information in various sections.

Hazard Communication Standard: Safety Data Sheet Sections 1 through 8 contain general information about the chemical, identification, hazards, composition, safe handling practices, and emergency contact information. This information should be helpful to those that need to get the information quickly. Sections 9 through 11 and 12 contain other technical and scientific information, such as physical and chemical properties, stability and reactivity information, toxicological information, exposure control (chemicals), and other information including the date of preparation or last revision. The SDS must state that the applicable information was found when the preparer does not find it (see Hazard Information in your required document).

The SDS must also contain Section 13 through 15, to be consistent with the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS), but OSHA will not enforce the content of these sections because they concern matters controlled by other agencies.

## Section 1: Identification

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES THE CHEMICALS ON THE SDS AS WELL AS THE RECOMMENDED USES. IT ALSO PROVIDES THE ESSENTIAL CONTACT INFORMATION OF THE SUPPLIER.

- Product identifier used on the label and any other common names or synonyms by which the substance is known.
- Name, address, phone number of the manufacturer, importer, or other responsible party, and emergency phone number.
- Recommended use of the chemical (e.g., a brief description of what it actually does, such as flame retardant) and any restrictions or use including recommendations given by the supplier.

CHEMICAL NAME		<b>FIRE HAZARD</b>
COMMON NAME		<b>HEALTH HAZARD</b>
MANUFACTURER		<b>REACTIVITY HAZARD</b>
		<b>SPECIFIC HAZARD</b>

## Section 2: Hazard(s) Identification

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES THE HAZARDS OF THE CHEMICAL PRESENTED ON THE SDS AND THE APPROPRIATE WARNING INFORMATION ASSOCIATED WITH THESE HAZARDS.

- The hazard classification of the chemical (e.g., flammable liquid, category 2).
- Signal word.
- Hazard statement(s).
- Pictograms (the pictograms or hazard symbols may be presented as graphical representations of the product in black and white or as a description of the name of the symbol (e.g., skull and crossbones, flame).
- Precaution statement(s).
- Description of any hazards not otherwise classified.
- For a mixture that contains an ingredient(s) with unknown toxicity, a statement describing how much (percentage) of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) with unknown acute toxicity. Please note that this is a total percentage of the mixture and not just the individual ingredient(s).



## Section 3: Ingredient Information

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES THE INGREDIENTS CONTAINED IN THE PRODUCT INDICATED ON THE SDS, INCLUDING HAZARDOUS AND STABILIZING ADJUTANTS AND INCLUDES INFORMATION ON SUBSTANCES, MIXTURES, AND ALL CHEMICALS IN A TRADE SECRET IS CLAIMED.

- Substances**
- Chemical name.
  - Common name and synonyms.
  - Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) number and other unique identifiers.
  - Impurities and stabilizing additives, which are themselves classified and which contribute to the classification of the chemical.
- Chemicals where a trade secret is claimed**
- A statement that the specific chemical identity cannot be provided because its disclosure would result in the loss of competitive advantage.
  - The chemical name and concentration (weight percentage) of all ingredients which are classified as health hazards and are present above their cut-off concentration limits.
  - Physical health hazards below the cut-off concentration limits.

**Mixtures**

- Same information required for substances.
- The chemical name and concentration (weight percentage) of all ingredients which are classified as health hazards and are present above their cut-off concentration limits.
- Physical health hazards below the cut-off concentration limits.



## Section 4: First-Aid Measures

THIS SECTION DESCRIBES THE INITIAL CARE THAT SHOULD BE GIVEN BY UNTRAINED RESPONDERS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO THE CHEMICAL.

- Necessary first aid instructions by relevant routes of exposure (inhalation, skin and eye contact, and ingestion).
- Description of the most important symptoms or effects, and any symptoms that are acute or delayed.
- Recommendations for immediate medical care and special treatment needed, when necessary.

## Section 5: Fire-Fighting Measures

THIS SECTION PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FIGHTING A FIRE CAUSED BY THE CHEMICAL.

- Recommendations of suitable extinguishing equipment, and information about extinguishing equipment that is not appropriate for a particular situation.
- Advice on specific hazards that develop from the chemical during fire, such as any hazardous combustion products created when the chemical burns.
- Recommendations on special protective equipment or precautions for firefighters.

## Section 6: Accidental Release Measures

THIS SECTION PROVIDES RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO SPILLS, LEAKS, OR RELEASES, INCLUDING CONTAINMENT AND CLEANUP PROCEDURES TO PREVENT OR MINIMIZE EXPOSURE TO PEOPLE, PROPERTIES, OR THE ENVIRONMENT. IT MAY ALSO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN RESPONSES FOR LARGE AND SMALL SPILLS AND THE SPILL VOLUME AND SPECIFIC IMPACT ON THE HAZARD.

- Use of personal precautions for safe removal of liquid or solids or providing sufficient ventilation and protective gear to prevent the generation of dust, vapors, and clothing.
- Emergency procedures, including instructions for evacuation, cleaning, exposure when needed, and appropriate protective clothing.
- Methods and materials used for containment (e.g., covering drums and capping containers).
- Cleanup procedures (e.g., appropriate tools for neutralization, desorption, cleaning or removing; absorbent materials; and equipment required for containment clean-up).

## Section 7: Handling and Storage

THIS SECTION PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON THE SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES AND CONDITIONS FOR SAFE STORAGE OF CHEMICALS.

- Procedures for safe handling, including recommendations for handling incompatible materials, avoiding the release of the chemical into the environment, and providing advice on personal hygiene practices (e.g., eating, drinking, or smoking work areas prohibited).
- Recommendations on the conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities.
- Provide advice on specific storage requirements (e.g., ventilation requirements).

## Section 8: Exposure Controls/Personal Protection

THIS SECTION INDICATES THE EXPOSURE LIMITS, ENGINEERING CONTROLS, AND PERSONAL PROTECTIVE MEASURES THAT CAN BE USED TO MINIMIZE WORKER EXPOSURE.

- OSHA Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs), American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH), Threshold Limit Value (TLV), and any other exposure limit used or recommended by the chemical manufacturers, importer, or employer preparing the safety data sheet, where available.
- Appropriate engineering controls (e.g., local exhaust ventilation, or use early in an enclosed system).
- Recommendations for personal protective measures to prevent illness or injury from exposure to chemicals, such as personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g., appropriate types of eye, face, skin, and respiratory protection needed based on hazards and potential exposure).
- Any special requirements for PPE, protective clothing or equipment (e.g., type of glove material, such as PVC or nitrile, outer gloves, and breakdown time of the glove).



## Section 9: Physical and Chemical Properties

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SUBSTANCE OR MIXTURE.

- Appearance (physical state, color, etc.).
- Upper/lower flammability or explosive limits.
- Odor.
- Vapor pressure.
- Other threshold.
- Solubility (in).
- Melting point/freezing point.
- Partition coefficient: octanol/water.
- Flash point.
- Auto-ignition temperature.
- Decomposition temperature, and.
- Viscosity.



## Notes

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## Emergency Numbers

\_\_\_\_\_ Fire Service

\_\_\_\_\_ Police

\_\_\_\_\_ Hazardous Material

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## Section 10: Stability and Reactivity

THIS SECTION DESCRIBES THE REACTIVITY HAZARDS OF THE CHEMICAL AND THE CHEMICAL STABILITY INFORMATION.

- Reactivity**
- Description of the specific test data for the chemical(s). This data can be for a class or family of the chemical. Such data adequately represent the anticipated hazard of the chemical(s), where available.
- Chemical stability**
- Indication of whether the chemical is stable or unstable under normal ambient temperature and conditions while in storage and handling.
  - Description of any conditions that may be needed to maintain chemical stability.
  - Indication of any safety issues that may arise should the product change in physical appearance.

- Other**
- Indication of the possibility of hazardous reactions, including a statement whether the chemical will react or polymerize, which could release more pressure or heat, or create other hazardous conditions. Also, a description of the conditions under which hazardous reactions may occur.
  - List of conditions that should be avoided (e.g., static discharge, shock, vibrations, or environmental conditions that may lead to hazardous conditions).
  - List of details of incompatibility reactions (e.g., classes of chemicals or specific substances) with which the chemical could not be mixed or produce a hazardous situation.
  - List of any known or anticipated hazardous decomposition products that could be produced because of fire, storage, or heating.

## Section 11: Toxicological Information

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES TOXICOLOGICAL AND HEALTH EFFECTS INFORMATION OR INDICATES THAT SUCH DATA ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

- Information on the fully routes of exposure (inhalation, ingestion, skin and eye contact).
- The SDS should indicate the information is relevant.
- Description of the delayed, immediate, or chronic effects from short and long term exposure.
- The relevant measures of toxicity (e.g., acute toxicity estimates such as the LD50 or the lethal dose (estimated amount of a substance expected to kill 50% of animals in a single dose).
- Description of the program. This description includes the program used to conduct the study, the number of animals used, the number of animals that died, and the number of animals that survived.
- Indication of whether the chemical is listed in the National Toxicology Program (NTP) report on carcinogen classification or in the National Toxicology Program (NTP) report on developmental toxicity studies.
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## Section 12: Ecological Information

THIS SECTION PROVIDES INFORMATION TO EVALUATE THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE CHEMICAL IF IT WERE RELEASED TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

- Data from toxicity tests performed on aquatic and/or terrestrial organisms, where available (e.g., acute or chronic aquatic toxicity data for fish, aquatic invertebrates, and other plants; acute or chronic toxicity data for birds, bees, etc.).
- Whether there is a potential for the chemical to persist and degrade in the environment either through biodegradation or other processes, such as adsorption or hydrolysis.
- Results of tests of bioaccumulation potential, making reference to the aquatic waterborne (bioconcentration factor (BCF) and the bioaccumulation factor (BAF), where available).
- The potential for a substance to move from the soil to the groundwater (indicate results from absorption studies or leaching studies).
- Other adverse effects (e.g., environmental fate, ozone layer depletion potential, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disrupting potential, and/or global warming potential).



## Section 13: Disposal Considerations

THIS SECTION PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON PROPER DISPOSAL PRACTICES, RECYCLING OR RECOVERY OF THE CHEMICALS OR CONTAINERS, AND SAFE HANDLING PRACTICES TO MINIMIZE EXPOSURE. THIS SECTION SHOULD ALSO REFER TO THE HAZARD OF THE SDS.

- Description of appropriate disposal alternatives.
- Recommendations of appropriate disposal methods to employ.
- Recommendations of appropriate disposal practices that may affect disposal activities.
- Language discouraging unsafe disposal.
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- Other adverse effects (e.g., environmental fate, ozone layer depletion potential, photochemical ozone creation potential, endocrine disrupting potential, and/or global warming potential).



## Section 14: Transport Information

THIS SECTION PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON CLASSIFICATION INFORMATION FOR SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS TO THE ROAD, AIR, OR SEA.

- UN number (a four-digit identification number of the substance) and its proper shipping name.
- Transport hazard class.
- Packing group number (if applicable, based on the degree of hazard).
- Environment hazard (if applicable, if it is a marine pollutant according to the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)).
- Colors on transport (if applicable, according to Annex 2 of the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMDG)).
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- Any special precautions which an employer should be aware of or needs to comply with, in connection with transport or commerce either within or outside their premises (indicate when information is not available).

## Section 15: Regulatory Information

THIS SECTION IDENTIFIES THE SAFETY, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS THAT APPLY TO THE PRODUCT THAT ARE NOT INDICATED OTHERWISE ELSE ON THE SDS.

- Any national and/or regional regulatory information of the chemical or mixtures (including REACH, European Union's Regulation on Environmental Protection, or Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations).

## Section 16: Other Information

THIS SECTION INDICATES WHEN TEST DATA HAVE BEEN OBTAINED OR WHEN THE LAST KNOWN REVISION WAS MADE. THE SDS MAY ALSO STATE WHEN THE CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE TO THE PREVIOUS VERSION. YOU MAY NOW CONTACT THE SUPPLIER FOR AN UPDATE ON THE CHANGES.

## Employer Responsibilities

Employers must ensure that the SDSs are readily accessible to employees for all hazardous chemicals in their workplace. This may be done in many ways. For example, employers may keep the SDSs in a central location as long as the employees have immediate access to the information without having their work any other means and a back-up available for rapid access in the case of a major emergency or other emergency. Furthermore, employers may want to designate a person responsible for obtaining and maintaining the SDSs. If the employer does not have an SDS, the employer or designated person(s) should contact the manufacturer to obtain one.



## Operating Manual for MVE Liquid Nitrogen Dewars (SI Version)

M.D.D. Representative: Medical Product Services, Berngasse 20, 35610 Braunschweig, Germany

## GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The cryopreservation vessel is a double-walled, vacuum-insulated vessel made of aluminum with a fiberglass composite neck, providing the highest efficiency possible in cryogenic temperature preservation. Use the vessel for liquid nitrogen only. Liquid oxygen is not compatible with this unit and must not be stored inside the vessel.

The MVE Liquid Nitrogen Dewar is designed with consideration for safety, durability and performance. However, mishandling of the equipment, including transport or shipping units in an orientation other than upright vertical, may damage the product. In addition, if a vessel experiences a drop, hit, or blow, it can suffer immediate or premature vacuum failure.

Upon receipt of the product, examine both the vessel and packaging for any evidence of damage during shipping. Contact the carrier with the carrier's guidelines if there are signs of shipping damage. Some MVE shipping boxes carry the Transit Tested ISTA-3A certificate shown on the right, which is helpful when making a claim against the carrier should there be damage from shipping. Watch after the first fill for any signs of vacuum loss, such as excessive frost or sweating on the outside jacket. Some frost near the top just after filling is normal.



This high-quality vacuum insulated unit is compatible with the divergent temperature extremes and broad applications of cryobiology. The life expectancy of Liquid Nitrogen Dewar is five (5) years. Cryosystems is five (5) years.

CE Products bearing the CE marking as shown comply with the requirements of Directive 93/42/EEC concerning medical devices in the EU.

## SAFETY

**WARNING:** Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold. To avoid injury by frostbite, use extreme care whenever handling liquid nitrogen storage or transfer vessels, or any objects which have come in contact with liquid nitrogen.

- Leave no area of skin exposed.
- Always wear proper safety attire over clothing: face shield, cryogenic gloves, and cryogenic apron.
- Use extreme care to prevent spilling and splashing liquid nitrogen during transfer.
- Always keep vessel in upright position. Do not tilt or lay the vessel on side.
- Immediately remove any clothing or safety attire on which liquid nitrogen has spilled.
- Get immediate medical attention for any frostbite injuries due to liquid nitrogen.

**WARNING:** The venting of nitrogen vapors may displace oxygen in the air, possibly leading to asphyxiation or even death. Do not store or use container in areas that are small and enclosed or have poor ventilation.

**WARNING:** Do not tightly seal liquid nitrogen container or prevent nitrogen gas from escaping. Also, excessive humidity levels or exposure to rain could result in freezing of the cork/cover, and possible explosion.

**WARNING:** Never use a roll-on scale to measure liquid nitrogen level. This could lead to thermal injury.

**CAUTION:** Handle the cryopreservation vessel with care.

- Never overfill vessels with liquid nitrogen. Liquid nitrogen should always be below the bottom of the neck tube. Overfilling the tank may cause immediate or premature vacuum failure or explosion.



- Never ship Liquid Nitrogen Dewar on its side or upside down. This can lead to vacuum failure.
- Remove and insert invertories carefully. Do not scratch neck tube area. Scratches can cause premature vacuum failure.
- Tampering with or removing the vacuum port will destroy vacuum and void warranty.
- Never drop, hit, or blow the unit.
- Never spill liquid nitrogen on or near vacuum port.
- Never leave the vessel in an outdoor condition.
- Keep the bottom of vessel clear and away from chemicals, fertilizers, soil, and moisture.
- Do not use MVE Liquid Nitrogen Dewar for transportation.
- All performance data published for these products is based on static conditions only. Actual performance will vary upon the nature of use. Manipulation of inventories and/or accessories along with vibration will decrease the working duration of these products.

## OPERATION



**CAUTION:** Consider the value of stored product when choosing dewar and distribution of samples among storage devices.



**CAUTION:** Appropriate liquid level monitoring equipment should be utilized if storing human biological material.



**CAUTION:** Failure to follow Cryo's best operating practices as set forth in the manual can result in loss of contents.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

- Indoor (out of elements) use only.
- Operating temperature: -25 deg C to +60 deg C.
- Relative humidity: 10% to 95%, non-condensing.
- Storage temperature: -25 deg C to +65 deg C.
- Storage relative humidity: 10% to 85%.

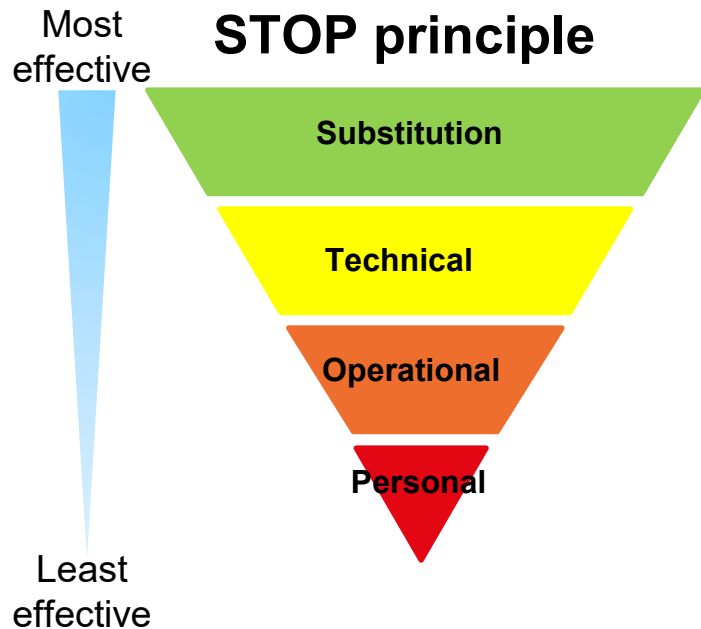
Liquid nitrogen is extremely cold. Make sure to wear proper gear before operation. Avoid spilling liquid nitrogen over the vacuum port as this can shrink the seal and allow air to leak into the vacuum space causing premature vacuum failure. To ensure maximum performance from your MVE Liquid Nitrogen Dewar simply follow the listed steps:

1. Open cork/cover that Dewar is in, open the lid, and remove cork/cover/accessories. Lift cork/cover straight up (do not twist).
2. Fill unit to desired level. Liquid level should never pass bottom of neck tube.
  - a. If you are working with a warm vessel, it is MVE's recommendation to slowly add a small amount of liquid to the bottom of unit, and allow it to sit until the liquid nitrogen stops rapidly boiling to cool the unit. Position the vacuum port facing away from the operator or other personnel.
  - b. Follow established safety practices and procedures for transferring LN2.
  - c. Fill the vessel with a funnel or transfer line when possible. Transfer using LN2 hose with phase separator or pouring container using a funnel.
  - d. If you are filling your vessel from a pressurized source, make sure it is a low pressure source (1.52 bar or below).
3. Replace cork/cover and allow unit to cool.
  - a. If there is excessive frost or sweating on the outside vessel after the first few hours, it may indicate either a weak or no vacuum. Examine the unit carefully.
4. Weigh unit and record.
5. Place inventory into unit, wipe water and moisture from outside of cork and insides of dewar neck tube, and reinsert cork & cover, not down.





# EPFL How to reduce the risk ?



## Substitution

- Can a hazardous product be replaced by a less hazardous one?

## Technical (technical isolation of the danger)

- Ventilated laboratory, fume hood, glovebox, etc.

## Operational (information on the hazard)

- Read the SDS
- Talk to your co-workers/Prof.
- Check emergency equipment before working
- Learn what to do in case of an emergency
- Contact the Occupational Health and Safety (OHS)
- Prepare waste containers

## Personal protective equipment (body protection)

- Lab coat
- Gloves
- Protective glasses
- Apron
- Etc.

1. OHS Organization
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3. COSEC mission (Why/What?)
4. Occupational Safety – Basics
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6. OHS Team supports (missions)
7. OHS IT tools

A photograph showing three individuals in a laboratory setting, all wearing white full-body protective suits (hazmat suits) and orange gloves. They are working with complex industrial or scientific equipment. One person in the foreground is holding a blue handheld electronic device. The background shows various pipes, wires, and laboratory machinery.

**OHS  
support  
team**



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# OHS website

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<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/lab-safety/>

The members of the OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) service form a **multidisciplinary team** dedicated to:

- Support (ticketing)
- Training (FOBS & al.)
- Inspection (audit)

across EPFL's 2,000 laboratories. Our goal is to **educate and train researchers** to ensure a **safe working environment**.

Comprehensive information on most common hazards encountered in the workplace.



Training on the management of hazardous waste to promote safe, responsible and sustainable research.

.. and much more!



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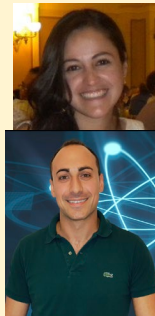




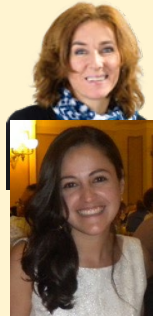
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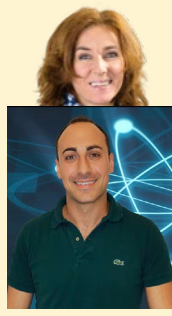
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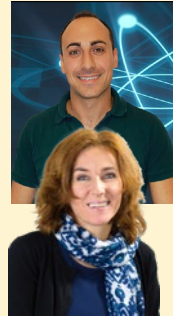
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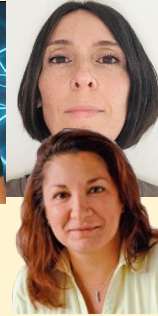
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Electricity



Bio


Chemistry, Storage, manipulation  
authorization

Roof, machinery safety,  
Workshop


ADR

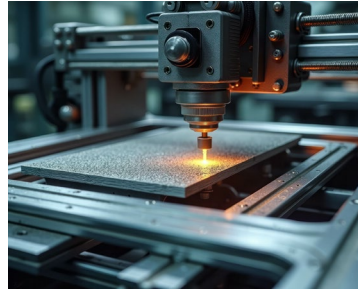


Special Waste


Glove box /  
Mechanical safety


# Work equipment: safety starts upon purchase!

Work equipment can present several **hazards** (mechanical, electrical, etc.):



- Ask the manufacturer to provide you with “proof of safety”: **declaration of conformity**. This document states that the work equipment complies with safety standards (e.g., European standards, Swiss standards). Declaration of conformity must be provided for Personal Protective Equipment too.
- Make sure that the **user manual** is provided together with the work equipment. The user manual must be provided in the users' language. In the user manual must find:
  - Instructions regarding the **use of equipment in accordance with its intended purpose**, and **assembly instructions** for partly completed machinery
  - Information about the **Personal Protective Equipment** that must be worn when operating the equipment. Their related **pictograms** must be then displayed on the equipment
  - Information related to the **maintenance** of the equipment
  - Information related to the **specific training** that users should get
- Organize the **specific training** if the equipment requires a specific instruction for the users



# Work equipment

## Upon reception:



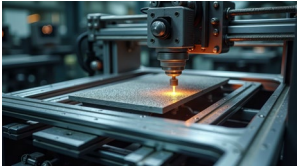
- Check the equipment and look for **obvious defects**
- Make sure you also got the **declaration of conformity** and the **user manual**
- Identify any **reasonably foreseeable misuse**
- Identify **residual risks** (risk remaining after all possible measures have been taken)
- Identify a **suitable localization** for the equipment:
  - The installation of the work equipment must not create a new hazard
  - For **very heavy equipment** make sure the **load capacity** is respected (e.g. slab can support the weight)
- Make sure that the **safety devices** are in place and work properly (e.g. safety interlock)
- Organize the **maintenance** of the work equipment
- Make sure users got the **training** should the equipment require a specific instruction

# Home-made work equipment

When a **work equipment** or **installation** is conceived, constructed / assembled (in case of different machines) and put into service in house, the **employer (group leader)** is automatically considered to be the **manufacturer** of the work equipment.



A **risk assessment** must be carried out to determine the **health and safety requirements** applicable to the machine which must then be designed and built according to the results of the risk assessment. The risk assessment as well as **risk reduction measures** must be recorded (**written documents**).



The **employer (group leader)** is therefore considered the **responsible person** who must make sure that the work equipment complies with the Machinery Safety Ordinance **Omach**.

In the case of “home-made work equipment” the employer must also:

- make the **instruction manual** available. In case of the assembling of different machines into one installation, groping together the different notices instructions is not enough. An **instruction manual** must be prepared and made available for the final installation.
- establish a **declaration of conformity**
- ensure **training and instruction** for the users

## Legal bases and documents

- Ordinance on Product Safety (**OSPro**)
- CFST **Directive 6512 'Work Equipment'**
- Ordinance on Machine Safety (**OMach**)
- **DIRECTIVE 2006/42/EC** on machinery
- Purchase of Work Equipment – **Safety Starts at the Time of Purchase!** SUVA
- The '**Blue Guide**' on the implementation of EU product rules 2022

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/lab-safety/laboratory-equipment/>



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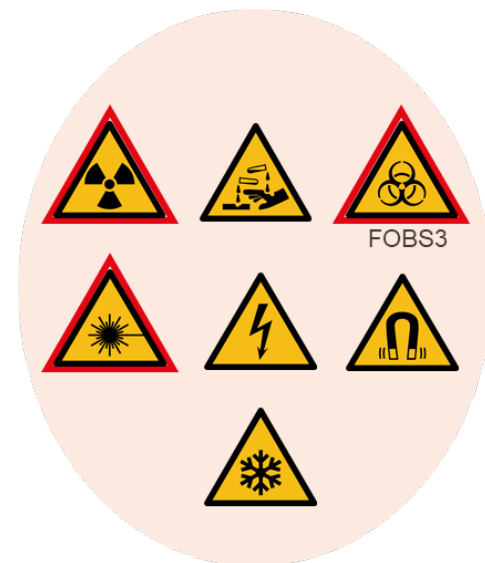
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# Available safety trainings organized by the OHS

- Biosafety levels 2 and 3 (mandatory)
- Radioprotection (mandatory)
- Laser safety (mandatory if working with lasers of class 3B and 4)
- Management of chemical hazards and risks
- Nanomaterial safety
- Magnetic field hazards
- Cryogenic hazards

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/trainings/>



# Where to find safety training ?

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/trainings/>

## Mandatory Basic Safety Training

### FOBS 1 + 2

Mandatory basic safety training for ALL newly hired people at EPFL (FOBS 1) and people that will work in the laboratory (FOBS 2).

### FOBS 3

Mandatory safety training for specific hazards (Biological, Radioactive, Nanomaterials, Lasers, Cryogenic stations).

### COSEC training

This mandatory training is aimed at future safety correspondents (CoSec) who will become the contact persons for occupational health and safety in their unit.

Some OHS safety training dates are available on the OHS Memento webpage.

[memento.epfl.ch/ohs](https://memento.epfl.ch/ohs)

# Where to find safety training ?

## Online Safety Training

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/trainings/complementary-training/>

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**Chemical storage**



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**Nanomaterial safety training**



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**General safety training to access the Discovery Learning Labs  
and professional workshops**



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**Biosafety level 1 safety training**



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**Gas safety training**



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**Laboratories with radioactive activities**







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# EPFL OHS Directives

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/home/epfl-ohs-directives/>



The present legal texts govern the stakeholders, tasks and responsibilities in the field of occupational health, safety and security (OHSS). They specify the responsibility of all those who must work as part of a network at EPFL. The complementary technical directives refer to a specific technical area or to particular procedures and specify the applicable legal framework.

*The English version is provided for information purposes only and has no legal force. Only the French version is legally binding.*



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# OHS Laboratory Audits

- The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) service regularly audits EPFL laboratories to ensure health, safety, and legal compliance.

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/audits/>

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## Rapport de visite de laboratoire

### Auteurs

Amela Grosa

### Date de visite

12-11-2019

### Unité

IIC GEL

### Directeur d'unité

Lecomplon Brice Tanguy Alphonse

**Le directeur de l'unité atteste par sa signature que les mesures correctives ont été mises en place ou sont en voie de réalisation.**

*Rappel : avant de signer ce document, veuillez vérifier que chaque mesure corrective ait été validée par une signature/visa.*

Date :

Signature :

Ce document doit être retourné signé par le directeur d'unité au SCC pour le : 12-12-2019

**Return the signed report as soon as corrective measures have been implemented.**

**Date and signature of the unit responsible**

**General remarks**

**Delay to return the report**



## Rapport de visite de laboratoire - SCC

Unité : IIC GEL

Prof. : Lecampion Brice /anguy Alphonse

Délégué(e) à la sécurité : Perronoud Gary

Date de la visite : 12-11-2019

Visa SCC : Amelia Grassi

### GC B1 402

	Rubrique	Défaut	Mesures correctives	Délai	Visa
2	Equipements d'urgence/information				
2.7	Pharmacie	Pas fixée	Merci de fixer la pharmacie et une signalisation d'emplacement au-dessus. Cela peut être fait via une demande de travaux ( <a href="http://travaux.epfl.ch">http://travaux.epfl.ch</a> ).	12-12-2019	

### Remarques du CoSec


### GC G0 484

Rien à signaler

### GC G0 494

	Rubrique	Défaut	Mesures correctives	Délai	Visa
6	Produits chimiques, utilisation				
6.1	Gants	Pas adaptés	Le latex étant un allergène, merci d'éliminer les gants latex et d'utiliser des gants nitrile ou néoprène.	12-12-2019	

### Remarques du CoSec

## Visa & delay

The one responsible for the corrective measure.

## Remarks

Examples

- *Work taken care by the DII.*
- *Order made.*
- *Measure cannot be applied, what should be done ?*



## Safety visits

The Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) regularly visits all EPFL laboratories to improve the health and safety of all collaborators.

The audit is to control the safety standards and legal requirements, but also to better understand your working procedures and the related risks and hazards.

The audit is announced one month in advance via e-mail.

A reminder sent around one week prior to the announced audit date is used to make an appointment. Do not hesitate to [contact the OHS](#) for any hazards/risks intrinsic to your unit so that the OHS could provide the best support possible.

The audit is done with the presence of the CoSEC, and with the laboratory responsible if presents.

To prepare for this visit, the OHS sends to the CoSEC an audit criteria list for the visit of EPFL laboratories.

To allow chemicals management within the EPFL, a [chemical inventory update](#) is requested prior to the audit date.

[Audit guidelines](#)

## Audit guidelines

Support for the COSEC

EPFL

VPO-SE OHS  
Occupational  
Health &  
Safety

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# Audit Guideline

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Health &  
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Don't forget regular checks of:

- Safety door sheets
- Eye wash stations
- First-aid kits
- Your chemical authorizations and inventory



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# Chemical Authorizations



The screenshot shows a web interface for requesting chemical use authorization. The top navigation bar includes 'My Requests' (with a notification icon), 'Services Status', 'Cart', 'Live Chat', and a user profile icon labeled 'EN'. The breadcrumb trail is: Home > Requests > Security, Prevention and Health > Request to use a chemical under authorisation. A search bar is located below the breadcrumbs. The main heading is 'Request to use a chemical under authorisation'. The form fields are as follows:

- \*This request is for: A dropdown menu with 'Damien Stricker' selected.
- Accreditation: A dropdown menu.
- Position and field: A text input field.
- Phone number: A text input field.
- \*Please select the Chemical Substance or Solution: A dropdown menu.
- ☐ Chemical substance not found?
- Product description and User data:
  - Concentration: A text input field.
  - \*Research unit: A dropdown menu.
  - Storage ID: A text input field.
  - Quantity (stored/ordered): A text input field.
  - Quantity used per experiment: A text input field.

# Authorizations

Some very hazardous chemicals/substances are under authorization.

The list of these chemicals is subject to change over time.



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**For all emergencies, 24h/24:**From an EPFL landline: **115**From a personal mobile phone: **021 693 30 00**From the EPFL Campus app: **SOS****Report a laboratory accident:** **Event manager****For all questions:** **Support SCC****For chemical authorization requests:** **Authorisation request**

# Laboratory Safety





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**Report your  
accidents  
and near-  
accidents!**



# Event reporting

## Swiss law

It is **compulsory** to announce all accidents and near-accidents.

## Goal

- Understand what happened so it doesn't happen to someone else.
- Indicators of new risks related to e.g. new technologies.



# Organometallic $\text{LiAlH}_4$ fire at EPFL 2022

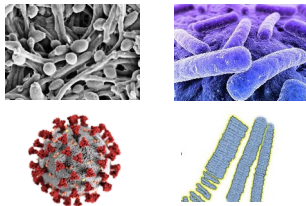


# What causes accidents in the workplace?

## Chemical hazards:



## Biological hazards:



## Physical hazards:



**Technical failures**  
account for **2%** of all  
workplace accidents.



Protective glasses  
not used

Body parts injured in % (2016 - 2023)



■ EPFL  
■ Same sector

At EPFL, **eyes** are the **2<sup>nd</sup> most**  
frequently injured part of the body.



Sash fully opened

Long hair not  
tied back

**Unsafe behaviors** account for  
**97%** of all workplace accidents

# Incident and accident analysis

Near miss



Accident



A **near miss** today could be an **accident** tomorrow !

- The aim of the accident analysis is NOT to look for a culprit, but about **lessons to be learned**.
- Accident analysis is carried out **to determine the cause** of an accident aiming **to prevent or reduce the likelihood and gravity** of further accidents of a similar kind.
- The name(s) of the person(s) involved will never be publicly announced.
- **Near miss** and **accidents have to be reported** even if you called 115 !

Report a laboratory accident: [Incident Manager](#)



# What to do in case of an accident ?

All workers are insured against **occupational accidents** and **occupational diseases**, as well as against **non-occupational accidents** as of 8 hours of work per week for the same employer.

Work-related accident



Always call **021 693 3000** for the **rescue team**. The service is available **24/7** and **free** of charge.



For accidents requiring **medical follow-up**, Human Resources ([assurances.sociales@epfl.ch](mailto:assurances.sociales@epfl.ch)) must be notified so that the work accident insurance (SUVA) can cover the medical expenses.

Report the accident to OHS-PR.

Accident not related to work



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<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/human-resources/occupational-and-non-occupational-accident-insurance-suva/coverage-and-benefits/>  
<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/human-resources/occupational-and-non-occupational-accident-insurance-suva/declaring-an-accident/>





**OHS Daily  
support**



# Why contact us ?

Not sure of the safety aspects?

- New material (chemical product, organism, etc.)
- New experience or procedure

For all questions: OHS Support

# How to contact OHS (occupational health and safety)

## For all emergencies, 24h/24:

From an EPFL landline: **115**

From a personal mobile phone: **021 693 30 00**

From the EPFL Campus app: **SOS**

Report a laboratory accident: **Event manager**

For all questions: **Support OHS**

For chemical authorization requests: **Authorisation request**

Click on  
Support OHS



## Fill up the request

### Request help for laboratory safety (SCC)

Contact the Safety Competence Center for help regarding the hazards in your laboratories (gas, chemicals, bio, nano, laser, ...)

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To report technical issues in your laboratory (ventilation, electricity, etc...) please call:

From an EPFL landline: **34000**

From a personal mobile phone: **021 693 40 00**

For all questions related to the COVID situation: [Coronavirus COVID-19](#)

To report a laboratory accident: [Event manager](#)

For all work requests: [https://travaux.epfl.ch/index\\_en.html](https://travaux.epfl.ch/index_en.html)

For chemical authorization requests: [Authorisation request](#)

To order products: [Catalyse](#)

\*This request is for

✕ ▼

Accreditation

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\*Category

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Laboratory concerned

\*Subject

\*Description of your Request

Watch List

# We come to you

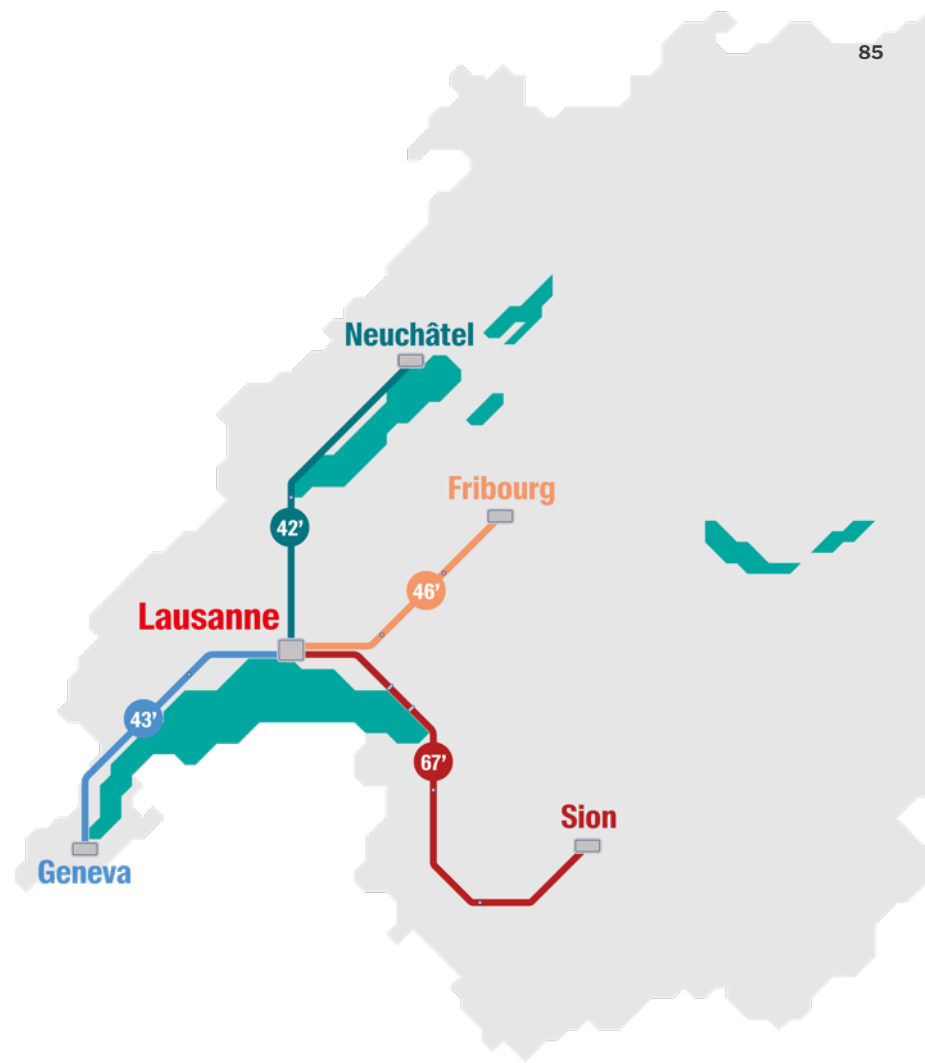
**Neuchâtel** – Microcity

**Fribourg** – Smart Living Lab

**Lausanne** – Campus principal

**Sion** – Campus Energypolis

**Geneva** – Campus Biotech





# CoSec meetings as a continuous training

- 2 x ½ days per year
- Themes and organization : **you are welcome to help !**





**Thank you for your  
attention!**



**COSEC Web page**



# OHS website

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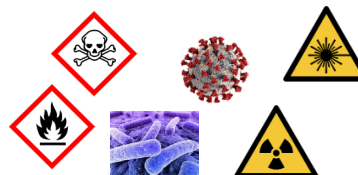
<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/security-safety/en/lab-safety/>

The members of the OHS (Occupational Health and Safety) service form a **multidisciplinary team** dedicated to:

- Support (ticketing)
- Training (FOBS & al.)
- Inspection (audit)

across EPFL's 2,000 laboratories. Our goal is to **educate and train researchers** to ensure a **safe working environment**.

Comprehensive information on most common hazards encountered in the workplace.



Training on the management of hazardous waste to promote safe, responsible and sustainable research.

.. and much more!



Thank  
you 😊

# Announcement of COSEC change

Step by step



<https://support.epfl.ch/epfl>

The screenshot shows the EPFL Services & Support website. The top navigation bar includes the EPFL logo, a 'Services & Support' dropdown, and links for 'Mes Demandes' (3), 'État des services', 'Demo', and 'Ouvrir un ticket' (SG). Below the navigation bar is a search bar with the text 'cosec' and a red search button. The search results are displayed under the heading 'Tous résultats pour « cosec »'. The first result is 'Annonce d'un accident dans le laboratoire', which mentions 'COSEC' and describes a form for reporting incidents. The second result is 'LHD - Annuaire des dangers des laboratoires', which also mentions 'COSEC' and describes a procedure for managing chemical products. The left sidebar contains a 'Sources' section with links to 'Tous', 'Services', 'Catalogues', and 'Knowledge Bases', and a 'FILTERS' section with a 'Catalogues' link.

March 1<sup>st</sup> →

<https://go.epfl.ch/cosec-change>

## 4 steps:

1. New Coscec
2. Previous Coscec
3. Coscec training
4. Signature / mission

### Announcement of COSEC change

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**COSEC roles and responsibilities**

\* Indicates required

\* This request is for

**New COSEC**

\* New COSEC's name

\* Unit

\* Activity start date

**Previous COSEC**

\* Are you replacing a previous COSEC

**COSEC Training**

Please indicate your preference for the training course, according to the dates available on the page (<https://memento.epfl.ch/ohs/>). If no date is convenient for you or no training course is available, please use the dedicated box.

\* Language

☐ French

☐ English

Preferred training date

☐ None of the dates suit me

**COSEC's missions**

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☐ \* The new COSEC has read and understood the responsibilities of this position and that these responsibilities will now also appear in his HR file.

- ✓ Name
- ✓ Unit
- ✓ Activity start date

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# EPFL Previous Cosec (if applicable)

- ✓ Name of previous cosec
- ✓ Activity end date

Previous COSEC

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Yes

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Unit

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2024-12-31

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**Agreement**



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## Last step :

- ✓ End validation by unit manager
- ✓ Digital HR document automatically generated



Thank  
you 😊