

Minors on Laboratory Tours & Visits

The Division of Biological Sciences Safety Office is committed to providing effective consultation and safety support to research laboratories within the Division. It is our mission to promote safe research practices through the administration, coordination, and instruction of UCSD laboratory safety policies. We believe in fostering close relationships with laboratories and working together to cultivate a safe research environment for all. This document serves as an outline of mandatory safety practices for individuals under the age of 18 while touring a laboratory and written agreement of parental/legal guardian consent. Contact the Division Safety Office (sasbach@ucsd.edu, 858-534-5017) with any additional questions.

RULES FOR MINORS (UNDER 18 YO) ON LAB TOURS

- Along with parent/legal guardian, sign and date the “Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement” document. Turn into your tour leader for collection/storage by Safety Office staff.
- Always stay in the company of the assigned tour leader – never leave the group or stray off alone.
- PPE (or [Personal Protective Equipment](#)) must be worn at all times while in the laboratory. Standard mandatory PPE includes full length leg and foot coverings (closed-toe shoes), a lab coat, and safety glasses. Additional PPE may be assigned by your tour leader.
- Always follow the instructions of the PI (Principal Investigator) and/or tour leader.
- Report any incident, regardless of severity, to the PI and/or tour leader.
- **Do not to touch** laboratory instruments, equipment, or benchtop surfaces.
- Never eat, drink, chew gum, apply lip balm or chapstick, touch your cell phone, and touch contact lenses in any laboratory environment.
- Find the PI and/or tour leader if you have any questions regarding safety requirements or laboratory hazards. When in doubt, *ask*.

Signature of Minor

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name of Minor

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian

Date

Date

Review, sign, and turn-in to your tour leader for collection by Safety Office staff.