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Subject: Chemical Hygiene Plan - do you have one?

OSHA requires all labs to have a Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP). This written plan describes the safety procedures specific to your lab operations. Yes, school labs are included in this federal requirement. In NYS, this regulation is enforced by NYS DOL Public Employee Safety & Health (PESH).

If your school has a CHP and its time for its required annual update, or if your school still doesn't have one, the Laboratory Safety Institute (a very good resource for lab safety) is offering schools a free copy of their model CHP to use as a template. Jim Kaufman is passionate about lab safety & I can recommend his resources.

Read more about the CHP requirement here: <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/laboratories/index.html>
or read the SBU CHP here: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/policy/campus.shtml>

The Laboratory Safety Institute (LSI) is giving away the School Edition of its Model Chemical Hygiene Plan (list \$99) to K-12 Schools and Two-year Colleges.
We are deeply concerned about the unacceptably high number of accidents at schools. Many who are covered under state or federal regulations have neither a chemical hygiene plan nor a chemical hygiene officer.

Hopefully, the availability of an very good model plan will catalyze efforts to prevent accidents.

Please contact me for more information.

Best wishes for safer science education... Jim

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