

FACT SHEET

Laboratory Safety Self-Inspection

Laboratory safety audits are designed to determine compliance with health and safety regulations, university policies and procedures, and best practice guidelines. Laboratory self-inspections help lab personnel identify areas in the lab that are not compliant, ensure a minimum level of safety within the lab, and help to prepare the lab for formal OEHS audits. Laboratory safety self-inspections should be submitted to OEHS on a quarterly basis.

Why perform a Laboratory Self-Inspection?

The fact is, no two labs are exactly the same and personnel working in the lab are the most familiar with the procedures and tasks conducted in the lab on a daily basis. The self-audit tool is designed to assist lab personnel in conducting an evaluation of the status of key laboratory safety elements on a regular basis. It has been proven that regular auditing of lab spaces enhance the overall safety culture within a lab and reduces the risk of injury or illness.

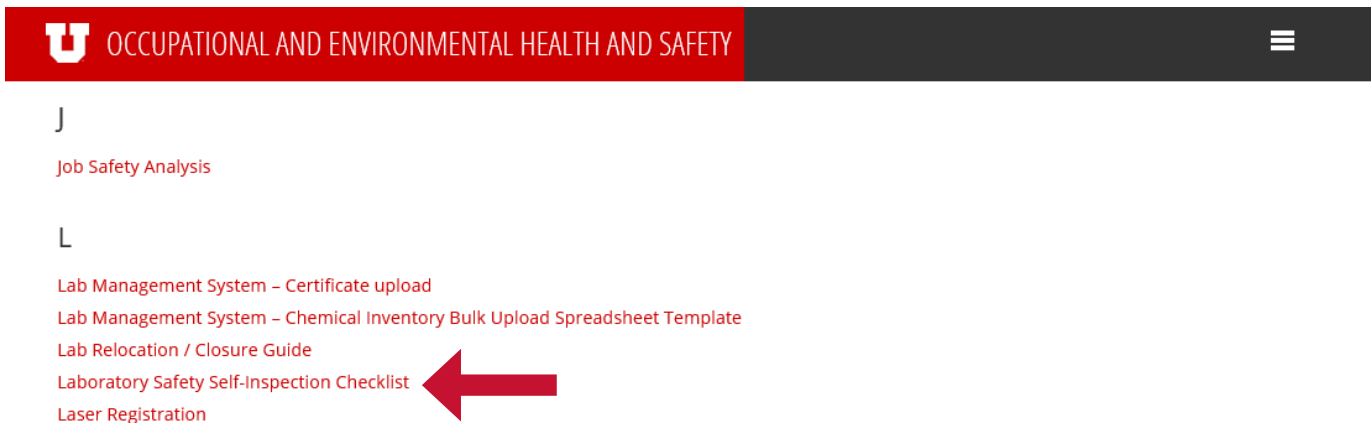
The self-audit can help identify areas where additional resources or attention may be required.

How to conduct a Laboratory Self-Audit?

- Go to the OEHS website (<https://oehs.utah.edu/>)
- Click on the tab labeled "FORMS"



- Scroll down and select "Laboratory Safety Self-Inspection Checklist"



- Complete all sections of the checklist and click SUBMIT at the bottom of the page. This creates a permanent record of the inspection.