

## Safety Resources

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### Safety Equipment

#### Obtaining Safety Equipment

Safety equipment or personal protective equipment (PPE) is an appropriate preventative and protective measure to manage a hazard when all other measures have been exhausted. Selecting and purchasing personal protective equipment is the responsibility of the work unit (department / working group / principle investigator, etc.).

##### Selecting preferred vendors

Safety equipment or PPE can be purchased from a variety of local vendors and university stores/supply centres. Fisher Scientific is a preferred supplier for many laboratory-based supplies and can also supply safety equipment and PPE.

Contact Safety Resources for assistance in:

- ▶ Selecting safety equipment or PPE;
- ▶ Fit testing of [respiratory protection](#);
- ▶ Identifying an appropriate preventative and protective measure for a hazard in your workplace.

For more information, contact [Safety Resources](#).

#### Testing Safety Equipment

The following safety equipment is tested by **Safety Resources**:

- ▶ Fire extinguisher – inspection - **annual**
- ▶ Fumehoods – faceflow velocity - **annual**
- ▶ Harnesses (fall protection) – offered **on demand**
- ▶ AEDs – **monthly**

Other safety equipment must be inspected, tested and / or maintained **by members of your working group**. This includes:

- ▶ Eyewashes and safety showers in laboratories
  - Eyewash testing log and SOP available [here](#)
  - Safety shower testing procedure available [here](#)
- ▶ [Biosafety cabinets](#) / laminar flow hoods
- ▶ Personal protective equipment (PPE) (e.g. lab coats; gloves; eye and face protection: glasses / goggles / face shield)

For more information on testing safety equipment in you workplace, contact [Safety Resources](#).

