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University departments have worked with various programs to provide educational opportunities for high school students during the summer. Sometimes this includes work in research laboratories. High school students may also find work in a laboratory on an individual basis.

However the student comes to be in the lab, there are safety concerns for minors that need to be addressed. Occupational exposure levels to hazardous materials assume exposures to adults. There are no established exposure levels for minors. Minors therefore should have limited contact with hazardous chemical, biological, or radioactive materials.

If a high school student is going to be working in your lab this year, please contact me (james_gilbert@unc.edu) and:

- provide his or her start and end dates (approximately),
- a summary of planned activities in your laboratory, and
- forward a copy of a completed Worker Registration Form (<http://ehs.unc.edu/forms/WRF.doc>) to EHS, CB #1650 after the student arrives.

Review your Lab Safety Plan with the students and document this training (http://ehs.unc.edu/forms/LSM_Appendix_1_D.pdf). EHS offers both online and instructor-led safety training. EHS will contact you to clarify which courses the student will need to take. If you have any questions about specific safety training please contact me.

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