

Environmental Health and Safety

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) is committed to fostering a safe and healthy environment for students, faculty, staff members and visitors. EH&S tries to bring to the campus all of the best attributes (and none of the bureaucracy) of monitoring agencies such as the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, the Department of Health, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Environmental Protection Agency. EH&S works with students, faculty, staff members, and others to reduce injury and illness, assists with compliance obligations, increases productivity and morale, and enhances study and research opportunities. It supports Cornell's mission of excellence by providing and coordinating programs and services that can reduce potential environmental, health, and safety risks to the Cornell University community.

EH&S serves as an information resource by maintaining up-to-date reference materials, advisories, and regulations from government agencies, and by working with the Cornell community (in consultation with the Office of University Counsel, where appropriate) to interpret and implement them. EH&S also consults with individuals, designated department safety representatives, and safety committees to help units develop educational and training programs. Environmental Health and Safety professionals offer technical assistance in the areas of: accident and injury prevention; asbestos/lead management; biological safety; building inspections; construction safety; exposure monitoring; fire protection and emergency services; hazardous, radioactive, biological, or chemical waste management; laboratory safety; occupational health; personal protective equipment; radiation safety; safety education and training; emergency response; and lots more.

The EH&S website (www.ehs.cornell.edu) provides handy links to reference documents, services and requests forms, Material Safety Data Sheet repository, safety manuals, Chemical Hygiene Plan, people who can answer questions, and more.