

**Advisory 21.0 University of Cincinnati
Occupational Health & Safety Guideline
On Minors in Laboratories**

Persons under 18 years of age are not allowed in University of Cincinnati laboratories where hazardous substances (chemicals, biologicals, etc.) are present or physical hazards (very hot or cold temperatures, laser light, electromagnetic frequencies, etc.) are present except under the following circumstances:

1. The minor:
 - Is employed by the University in accordance with all applicable policies, or has been formally accepted as a volunteer; and
 - Has been trained in safe laboratory procedures*; and
 - Has adult supervision -or-
2. The minor is enrolled in a University class with a laboratory component and the class includes training in safe laboratory procedures *; -or-
3. The minor:
 - Is participating in a University-sponsored program; and
 - Has been trained in safe laboratory procedures *; and
 - Has adult supervision; and
 - Has a Release of Liability and Waiver Claim signed by a parent or legal guardian on file with the host department and Environmental Health and Safety. The Release of Liability and Waiver Claim form on the following page is the form to be completed, signed, filed, and submitted.
4. If radiation generating equipment or radioactive materials are used in the laboratory, contact the Radiation Safety Office, 558-4110, for information on training and other requirements.

* Training shall include:

- ◆ OSHA Hazard Communication ◆ Bloodborne Pathogens
- ◆ Accident / Injury Reporting ◆ Emergency Preparedness
- ◆ Site specific equipment operation and physical hazards

*Under **no** circumstances shall infants, toddlers, or children too young to understand safety training be permitted in University of Cincinnati laboratories except as patients or research study participants with the signed consent of a parent or legal guardian.*

University of Cincinnati
Release of Liability and Waiver Claim

I understand that: _____,
(print name of minor) (age)

- a minor participating in a laboratory program at the University of Cincinnati, may study or learn in areas where hazardous substances (chemicals/biologicals, etc.) or physical hazards (very hot or cold temperatures, laser light, electromagnetic frequencies, etc.) are present.
- All participants, including employees, students, volunteers, and visitors, will be informed of the hazards associated with their project(s), and will be trained in safe laboratory work practices.
- An adult familiar with the project area will supervise the participant and may be contacted at _____ if you have questions.

I _____ as parent/legal guardian of the minor named above
(print parent/guardian name)
hereby give my consent for him/her to participate in a laboratory program at the University of Cincinnati.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(parent/legal guardian)

(This section is to be completed by the person responsible for the laboratory.)

I, _____ certify that the minor named above has been trained
(print name)
in the safe laboratory work practices described in the University of Cincinnati Occupational Health and Safety Guideline on Minors in Laboratories and will be supervised by an adult familiar with the activities underway in this laboratory.

Signature Date Telephone #

The completed form with both signatures is to be retained by the laboratory department's administrative office. Send a copy of the completed and signed form to Environmental Health & Safety, ML 0218.