

Student Project Hazard Assessment

A Hazard Assessment is designed to help students and project advisors recognize hazards associated with student projects at the early planning stages to find ways to minimize the chance of injury, loss, or harm while you are working on the project. This form is intended to be used for projects where the primary hazards are associated with engineering work (physical, mechanical, electrical, etc.). Chemical and biological focused projects require a separate project assessment form.

Each student project must complete a Hazard Assessment and must obtain the required approvals before proceeding with the project. It is important that all team members participate in the process, with close supervision of your advisor. To help ensure that hazards and risks associated with your project are not overlooked or underestimated, you are encouraged to contact any university staff (Lab Directors/Managers, EHS, etc.) with relevant knowledge or experience for guidance. However, your advisor and the department chair must approve this form prior to obtaining *formal* approvals from other relevant university staff.

The Hazard Assessment process usually involves these five steps below, with an example:

Step:	Example:
1. Identify the specific tasks that must be completed to reach your project goals	One of your project tasks involves testing a live electrical circuit
2. Determine if there are hazards associated with completing the tasks	On the form, you select the “Electrical parts and assemblies > 50V or high current”, under the Hazardous Conditions/Processes/Activities, Electrical Hazard section
3. Identify the risks connected with the hazards of each task. Ask yourself, what could go wrong? If you are not already familiar with the risks, do a quick internet search	After some research, you learn that there is potential of electrical shock from accidental contact with exposed live components
4. Develop a list of controls (things you can do) to eliminate the hazard or reduce the risks. Refer to <i>Hierarchy of Controls</i> on the next page	To minimize the risk identified above, you could: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ De-energize and isolate the system <u>or</u> ○ Guard live components to prevent accidental contact
5. Create a safe working procedure. Describe how you will safely complete each task	You write a detailed procedure for testing a live electrical wire, that includes all the information from your hazard/ risk assessment and which controls you will use to reduce the risks

Definitions:

A **Hazard** is something that has the potential to cause harm (injuries, accidents or other undesirable effects). Hazards can be eliminated but not reduced. A hazard can be in the form of an Agent, Condition, Process or Activity.

Risk is the likelihood (probability) of a hazard causing harm to people, property or the environment. Risks associated with a hazard can be reduced. Put another way, $Risk = Hazard \times Exposure$

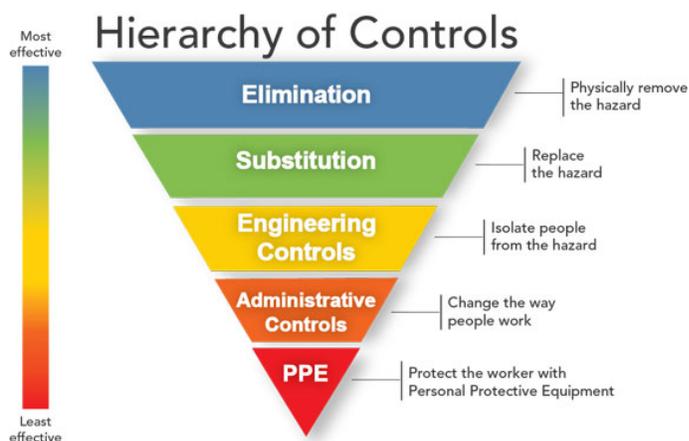
A **Hazard Assessment** is the process of identifying anything that can cause harm (hazardous agents, conditions, processes or activities).

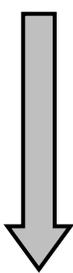
A **Risk Assessment** is the process of determining how great the chance is of harm occurring from a given hazard.

Hierarchy of Controls

Unless the hazardous agent, condition or activity is removed, hazards cannot be eliminated. However, risks from the hazard can be minimized by employing the proper control measures and safe work practices that will have been identified from completing a hazard assessment.

Some controls are more effective than others at eliminating hazards or reducing risk. Use the hierarchy of controls chart below to evaluate the controls measures you plan to use. Priority should be given to the most effective controls at the top of the hierarchy (elimination and substitution) and moving down, rather than start with the easiest one. While personal protective equipment (PPE) should always be used, it should be considered the last line of defense from potential hazards.



Hierarchy of Controls		Description and Examples
Most Effective  Least Effective	Eliminate the Hazard	Use alternative work procedures
	Substitution	Use less hazardous material or process
	Engineering Controls	Isolate people from hazard using ventilation, barriers, lock-out, safer equipment and tools, etc.
	Administrative Controls	Change the way people work: rules, warning signs, training, alarms, safe working procedures, etc.
	Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Appropriate clothing and footwear, safety glasses/goggles, lab coat, welding mask, face shield, ear plugs, etc. Best if used in combination with engineering controls

Student Project Hazard Assessment Form

This form is to be used for student projects where the primary hazards are associated with engineering work (physical, mechanical, electrical, etc.). Chemical and biological focused projects require a separate form.

Complete this form and obtain all the required approvals (Faculty Advisor, Department Chair, Laboratory Manager, EH&S, etc.) before proceeding with the project. Please refer to the hazard assessment guide for assistance in filling this form.

Project Title:			
Project Team Members:			
Project Advisor			
Name:	Department:	Phone:	Email:
Proposed Project Location(s) (Department, building, room#):			
Anticipated Dates of Project Duration:			
Summary of Project Objectives:			

Hazard Checklist (check all that apply)

Identify all the tasks that must be completed for your project. Carefully evaluate each task to determine if there are any associated hazards. After identifying the hazards of your project, you will be asked to assess the risk connected to each hazard and to identify control measures that will either eliminate the hazard or reduce the risk to an acceptable level. Safe work procedures for each step involving a known hazard will need to be developed.

HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS/PROCESSES/ACTIVITIES		
<p>Electrical Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Electrical parts and assemblies > 50V or high current <input type="checkbox"/> Batteries <input type="checkbox"/> Control Panels 	<p>Mechanical Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Power tools and equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Machine guarding/power transmission – gears, rotors, wheels, shafts, belt/chain drives, rotating parts, pinch points <input type="checkbox"/> Robotics <input type="checkbox"/> Sharp Objects <input type="checkbox"/> Stored Energy (springs, gravity, pneumatic, hydraulic, pressure) 	<p>Physical Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme temps (high temp fluids: water > 160 °F, steam, hot surfaces > 140 °F, cryogenic fluids) <input type="checkbox"/> Material handling of heavy objects <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated heights (scaffolding, ladders, roofs, lifts, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Overhead falling objects (cranes, hoists, drones, projectiles, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Confined Spaces <input type="checkbox"/> Airborne Dusts <input type="checkbox"/> Bonding / Grounding <input type="checkbox"/> Electrostatic Discharge
<p>Reaction Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Explosive <input type="checkbox"/> Exothermic, with potential for fire, excessive heat, or runaway reaction <input type="checkbox"/> Endothermic, with potential for freezing solvents decreased solubility or heterogeneous mixtures <input type="checkbox"/> Gases Produced <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous reaction intermediates/products <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous side reactions 	<p>Hazardous Processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Generation of air contaminants (gases, aerosols, or particulates) <input type="checkbox"/> Heating Chemicals <input type="checkbox"/> Large mass or volume <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure > Atmospheric <input type="checkbox"/> Pressure < Atmospheric <input type="checkbox"/> Scale-up of Reaction <input type="checkbox"/> Metal Fabrication (welding, cutting, drilling, etc.), Soldering, <input type="checkbox"/> Construction/Assembly, etc. 	<p>Other Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Noise > 80 dBA <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle traffic <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous waste generation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (list):

Hazard Checklist (continued)

HAZARDOUS AGENTS			
Physical Hazards Of Chemicals	Health Hazards of Chemicals	Non-Ionizing Radiation	Biohazards
<input type="checkbox"/> Compressed Gases	<input type="checkbox"/> Acute Toxicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Lasers	<input type="checkbox"/> Bsl-2 Biological Agents
<input type="checkbox"/> Cryogenics	<input type="checkbox"/> Carcinogens	<input type="checkbox"/> Magnetic Fields (e.g. NMR)	<input type="checkbox"/> rDNA
<input type="checkbox"/> Explosives	<input type="checkbox"/> Nanomaterials	<input type="checkbox"/> RF/Microwaves	<input type="checkbox"/> Human Cells, Blood, BBP
<input type="checkbox"/> Flammables	<input type="checkbox"/> Reproductive Toxins	<input type="checkbox"/> UV Lamps	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Work
<input type="checkbox"/> Oxidizers	<input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory or Skin Sensitization		
<input type="checkbox"/> Peroxides or Peroxides Formers	<input type="checkbox"/> Simple Asphyxiant		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pyrophorics	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin Corrosion/Irritation		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (List):
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Reactives	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazards Not Otherwise Classified		

Description of Potential Hazards

Provide a summary of the procedure and describe the risks associated with the each hazard that you have identified above or on the previous page. Use one box below per hazard. You may add supplemental pages if needed. Define the hazard control measures that will be employed to minimize the risks based on the hierarchy of controls (elimination, substitution, engineering controls, administrative controls, PPE), and then describe specific control measures you will use (e.g. Work on system de-energized, receive hazard specific training, shield hot surfaces, guard pinch points, relieve stored energy, wear protective equipment, use less hazardous chemical, etc.). Refer to “Hierarchy of Controls” in the instructions sheet for more information to decide which hazard controls measures are most appropriate

Hazardous Activity, Process, Condition, or Agent (identified from previous page):
Summary of Procedure or Tasks:
Describe Hazards (why is the procedure hazardous or what can go wrong – what is the risk):
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SAFETY EQUIPMENT and PPE

Select the appropriate PPE and safety supplies you will need for the project (Check all that apply)

- Appropriate street clothing (long pants, closed-toed shoes)
- Gloves; indicate type: _____
- Safety glasses/ goggles
- Face shield and goggles
- Lab coat
- Hearing protection
- Fire extinguisher
- Eyewash/safety shower
- Spill kit
- Other (list):

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Identify the appropriate training (check all that apply)

- Biology & Bioengineering Lab Safety Camino Course – contact Lab Manager or EHS to enroll
- Chemistry & Biochemistry Lab Safety Camino Course – contact Lab Manager or EHS to enroll
- Electrical Safety for Engineering Camino Course – contact EHS to enroll
- LiPo Battery Safety Training – contact MAKER Lab to enroll
- Review of SDS for chemicals involved in project – access SDS library at: rms.unlv.edu/msds/
- Laboratory Specific Training – contact Lab/Shop Owner
- Project Specific Training – contact Project Advisor
- Other (describe below):

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

By signing, I verify that:

- 1) I am aware of the hazards and risks of all the tasks associated with the project
- 2) I have received, or will receive all the necessary safety training and/or have read the safety manual and safety data sheets (SDSs) relevant to the project before performing any hazardous tasks
- 3) I will follow all required safety precautions while working on this project, including but not limited to use of engineering controls, following safe work practices, and wearing appropriate personal protective equipment

Name of Project Team Member	Signature	Date

APPROVALS

This document must be reviewed and approved by the people below before any project work can begin. A copy of the approved document must be kept where the work is being conducted

Faculty Advisor

Name:

Department:

Signature

Date

Department Chair

Name

Signature

Date

Laboratory Director/Manager

Name

Signature

Date

EH&S

Name

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Other

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