

SECTION 5: HAZARDOUS MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT

SUBJECT: EH&S REVIEW/APPROVAL

Policy #5.1

POLICY: The University of Washington Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) department is responsible for ensuring the learning, work and research that occurs on the UW campus is performed as safely as possible. Before entering into a contract for purchasing certain equipment, hazardous materials or services, UW EH&S approval is required.

PROCEDURE:

Before purchasing any of the following equipment, hazardous materials or services, requiring prior approval, contact the appropriate member of [UW EH&S](#) regarding guidance and approval. Orders for these items should be placed using the [PAS system](#).

Equipment
Biological safety cabinets and laminar flow equipment
Fume Hoods
Pressure vessels or systems operating at 15 psi or higher including autoclaves (excludes commercial compressed gas cylinders).
Hazardous Materials
Biological agents requiring a waiver or indemnification for liability before a vendor will ship.
Radioactive materials
Select agents
Toxic gases
Services
Hazardous materials transportation
Hazardous waste transportation
Hazardous waste recycling contracts

Contacting the appropriate member of UW EHS prior to purchase of any of the listed materials will help ensure that no unauthorized or unsafe equipment, materials or services are purchased or used at the University.