McGill University is committed to providing safe lab and shop environments for its faculty, students, staff and visitors. This commitment extends to all lab and shop activities within McGill and work that’s undertaken off-campus by McGill personnel.

Workplace safety has many aspects, starting with the policies that have been created, the work environment, safety training, and extending through to the practices that are followed when work is undertaken. It must be recognized that safety is a cooperative effort, involving both the university and the individual. Principal Investigators, and lab and shop supervisors, each have a role to play in providing a safe work environment and ensuring that work is carried out in a safe manner.

Communication is also a key element in establishing and maintaining a safe workplace. The Environmental Health & Safety Office has several guides outlining the University’s safety policy on the EH&S Web Site. In some cases WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Material Information System) training, or a specific course, might be a work requirement. Faculty, students and staff who will be engaging in lab or workshop activities, or field work, are invited to read the various guides that govern work that they will be undertaking.

Environmental Health & Safety office: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/

Internal responsibility system: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/training/internalresponsibility

Laboratory safety: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/laboratory

Occupational Health and Safety: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/laboratory/ohs

Radiation safety: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/laboratory/radiation


Biosafety: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/laboratory/biosafety

Field work safety: http://www.mcgill.ca/ehs/safetycommittees/fieldworksafety

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