

# EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

## FOR LASER USERS



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### In the event of a laser exposure:

1. Stop all work and shut down all lasers in the lab.
2. Provide for the safety of all personnel (first aid, evacuation, etc.).
3. Seek Medical Attention:

#### Eye Exposure

**During Business Hours:** Contact UW Occupational Medicine: **(608)265-5610**. They will assist in setting up an eye exam at Davis Duehr Dean.

**After Business Hours:** Seek care at the nearest Urgent Care or Emergency Department.

**In case of emergency: Dial 911.**

***Laser eye exposures should be evaluated by an ophthalmologist as soon as possible.***

#### Skin Exposure

**During Business Hours:** Contact UW Occupational Medicine: **(608)265-5610**.

**After Business Hours:** Seek care at the nearest Urgent Care or Emergency Department.

**In case of emergency: Dial 911.**

### Fire

1. Stop all work. Shut down all laser(s).
2. Activate the building fire alarm and evacuate the building.
3. If the fire is small and you are trained to do so, you may attempt to extinguish with a fire extinguisher.

### After any accidental exposure or possible radiation injury:

1. Notify your supervisor and PI.
2. Notify Office of Radiation Safety: [radiationsafety@wisc.edu](mailto:radiationsafety@wisc.edu) or (608)262-3600
3. Complete workers compensation form and submit to supervisor within **24 hours**.

<https://businessservices.wisc.edu/managing-risk/workers-compensation/>