



UConn is proud to serve the broader community through a wide range of educational and enriching opportunities, and is committed to promoting a welcoming and secure experience for the children and youth who participate in activities at UConn.

In addition to informing the University community of their obligation to report known or suspected child abuse or neglect, the [Protection of Minors and Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect policy](#) outlines important standards for University youth activities.

## Standards for University Youth Activities

Standards for University youth activities include, but are not limited to:

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- The completion of the University's annual minor protection training
- A required background check (within the past 4 years)
- Registering the proposed activity with the [University's Minor Protection Coordinator](#) at least 30 days before the start of the activity.
- Implementation of standards to safeguard the welfare of participating minors, including the adequate supervision of minors by Authorized Adults.

## Youth Activities that may Require Safety Training

If you are planning on developing a program that may take place in laboratories or involve chemical or hazardous materials, please contact Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) to ensure you are provided with the best support possible. Potential hazards to consider may include, but are not limited to: Biological, Chemical, Environmental, Occupational, and Radiological. EHS is available to assist you in planning and delivering timely, appropriate safety training to stay in compliance and keep your guests or visitors safe.

Any minors who may be conducting even minimal work in a lab are required to complete the appropriate safety training.

In situations where guests or visitors will only be observing, or if the activities they participate in will be part of an academic experience, under the supervision of a fully-trained researcher, a lab-specific safety training must be completed prior to beginning their experience.

Additionally, any student being paid to participate in a lab/workplace must be trained to the level of an employee and successfully complete all required EHS safety training prior to beginning work.

**Note:** Minors who are not matriculated University students may not be in a hazardous area without supervision by an Authorized Adult. *Minors who are matriculated students still require supervision by fully-EHS-trained personnel at all times, though not necessarily by an Authorized Adult.*

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