

Members of the Texas Tech University faculty:

As dedicated members of the Texas Tech faculty, we all want to provide an ideal environment for our students, staff and colleagues to learn, to discover new knowledge and to find useful outlets for their creative pursuits.

Safety in our labs, studios, stages and other work areas is of paramount importance in our efforts to assure this outcome. We are fortunate to have support from our faculty-led Institutional Laboratory Safety Committee (ILSC) and the Environmental Health and Safety (EH&S) Office as we strive to assure that our work environments are free of unmitigated hazards.

It is important that everyone within our groups fully understand the materials that they are working with and the safe procedures for working in each space. To this end, we ask that you complete this <u>self-assessment survey</u> by the end of March.

Please note that this self-assessment is not an evaluation, and there are no right or wrong answers. We are requesting this information to be sure that we accurately understand and mitigate all known potential hazards that may exist in labs, studios and other spaces necessary for teaching and research at Texas Tech. Understanding hazards will better enable us to assist you to improve the safety infrastructure on campus. Your help is vital to this process. We will use the survey information only to assure that our support of your workspace meets your needs.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to assure a safe workplace for everyone within our academic community at Texas Tech.

Sincerely,

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