

Training

Training is a fundamental element of EH&S's commitment to ensuring Columbia University maintains and promotes a safe workplace. Every member of the University community engaged in laboratory operations is obligated to participate in the University's safety training program. Laboratory training is taken via the RASCAL program. Please see the FAQ's below:

How do I know what courses I need to take for my position in the lab?

The Training Finder will help you identify the courses required for your lab activities. See the QR Code below

What Laboratory Safety Training is required for a Principal Investigator?

Laboratory Safety (TC4951 or TC0950 - complete one time), Principal Investigator Research Safety Responsibilities (TC6800 - complete one time), and Principal Investigator Laboratory Safety Refresher (release date 2025 - annually).

Why can't I log into RASCAL?

Your Human Resource Department grants you access to RASCAL.

Why is TC4951 or TC1750 not appearing on my transcript?

You must complete all three modules to receive credit for these two courses.

Why is TC4951 showing as expired but TC0950 is current in LION?

For all EH&S courses that include both an initial and refresher component, only the refresher course needs to be kept current. The initial course, such as TC4951, is taken only once and will remain recorded in LION or RASCAL. The refresher course, like TC0950, is the one you need to keep up-to-date.



I went to take a refresher course and got the following screen, why can't I take the course?

Course Overview			
Course Number	TC0950	Title	Lab Safety Refresher
Date Created	06/12/2024 13:52:42	Date Modified	06/12/2024 13:52:42
Course Category	Environmental Health and Safety	Course Contact Email	Safetytraining@columbia.edu
# Questions Per Test	15	Required Passing	100
You Are			
This is a refresher course and you haven't taken the original course yet. You can take that by clicking here			
This is a refresher course only. If this is your first time taking Laboratory Safety, you need to take TC4951			

Read the purple print, you never completed the initial training and took the refresher course instead. The loophole has been closed and you have to take the Initial Training!

I am taking a course, and it keeps freezing. What should I do?

EH&S strongly recommends using Chrome as your browser for taking our courses, as some other browsers may not support the format properly. Additionally, ensure that your internet connection is strong to avoid any potential freezing issues.



Fun FAQ!

The Training Finder uses a series of research-related questions to create a personalized chart of required and recommended training courses, complete with links to the training and the responsible offices. To get started, see the QR Code below!

Have more questions? Reach out to EH&S at Labsafety@columbia.edu or give us a call

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QR Code: Columbia University Training Finder



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