

**POLICY FOR USE OF RADIOISOTOPES AND IONIZING RADIATION  
FOR TEACHING, EXPERIMENTATION, OR RESEARCH  
AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FRESNO**

**PURPOSE**

1. To keep California State University, Fresno, and its faculty, staff and students, in compliance with all laws, federal and state, that apply to procurement, transportation, storage, use and disposal of radioactive materials and devices that produce ionizing radiation.<sup>1</sup>
2. To maintain a radiation safety program such that all faculty, staff and students utilizing radioisotopes and devices that produce ionizing radiation will be assured reasonable protection from radiological hazards.
3. To appoint a Radiation Safety Committee and a Radiation Safety Officer.

**AUTHORITY**

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs is designated as the responsible institutional official for radiation safety. A Radiation Safety Committee of at least five members will be appointed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to comply with the Radioactive Material License issued by the State Department of Health Services. One member who must be present at all meetings is the Radiation Safety Officer or their designated alternate. Other members include an administration representative and representatives from operating groups. All members, except for the administration representative, must be qualified as users.

The Chair of the Committee and a Recording Secretary shall be elected annually by the Committee at the last meeting of the academic year. The Committee shall meet as required by the regulatory agencies or whenever the Chair and/or the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs deem it necessary.

It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to develop, oversee, implement, supervise, and enforce ensure compliance with the radiation safety policy and procedures and any federal or state laws that apply, including subsequent amendments and new laws. The Committee will keep current a radiation safety manual, describing radiation safety policy and procedures, which will be available to all users.

Faculty, Staff or Graduate Students who wish to receive authorization to use radioisotopes or ionizing radiation must contact the Radiation Safety Officer. All users of radioisotopes or ionizing radiation must be registered with the Radiation Safety Committee and all projects involving the use of radioisotopes or ionizing radiation must be approved by the Radiation Safety Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> This policy does not apply to the use of radioisotopes or devices that produce ionizing radiation at the University Health and Psychological Services Center.

**OBJECTIVES**

Fulfill all legal responsibilities.

Supervise and implement procedures suitable for licensure by the State Department of Health Services under Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

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