

## A. Purpose

Washington State University (WSU) has a commitment to create, maintain and enhance a safe and healthful environment for all individuals associated with the institution, including students, faculty, staff and visitors. (Policy Reference - WSU Safety Policies and Procedures Manual **[SPPM] S03.01.1**)

Implementation of the Chemical Hygiene Plan (CHP) is a critical element in achieving a safe and healthful work environment in WSU laboratories. The purpose of this Chemical Hygiene Plan is to establish policies and procedures. In addition it will provide general and specific guidelines and information which may be used to protect employees from health hazards associated with hazardous chemicals in the laboratory. In fulfilling this purpose, the Plan also satisfies the state requirements for the standard entitled "Hazardous Chemicals in Laboratories" herein referred to as the Laboratory Safety Standard (**WAC 296-828**). Implementation of a chemical hygiene plan in the laboratory will assist in minimizing chemical exposures and in complying with mandated exposure limits.