

# LionSafe Risk Assessment (LRA)

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## **What is the LRA?**

*The LionSafe Risk Assessment is an online tool that captures information about the types of hazards in each work area across the university and provides a customized compliance report outlining safety requirements for the work area based on the hazards identified. This report can be accessed at any time through LionSafe or printed and posted in the work area.*

*The LRA is currently under development with plans to launch the assessment before the end of the Spring 2024 Semester. The LRA will be rolled out systematically over subsequent months, with Laboratory and Research Groups being the first to complete the LRA.*

## **Why the LRA?**

*The LRA is designed to streamline administrative processes, clarify expectations, and program requirements for our community, and replace existing clunky resources. The online risk assessment will also create a database of hazards and their locations across the university which can be used to provide more targeted safety services to the university community.*

## **Who needs to complete the LRA?**

*For academic laboratories and research, the LRA must be completed by each Principal Investigator and for each instructional laboratory at Penn State University. Non-academic units will be notified ...*

## **When will I be asked to complete the LRA?**

*The LRA will be released to several departments in the spring of 2024. After an initial testing period, the LRA will be rolled out to additional departments and, eventually, the entire university community. Work Units will receive an announcement and instructions when it is their turn to complete the LRA.*

## **Do academic units need to complete a laboratory self-assessment in 2024?**

*To minimize administrative burden, EHS will not require completion of the Laboratory Self-assessment in 2024, except in a few circumstances. For example, a new Principal Investigators must complete the self-assessment to ensure their work area is in compliance before beginning work. Anyone who wishes to continue to use the self-assessment is welcome to do so*

*If you have questions about who needs to complete the self-inspection, contact EHS at [psuehs@psu.edu](mailto:psuehs@psu.edu)*

## **Does the LRA replace the Compliance Requirements Guide?**

*The LRA report supersedes the Compliance Requirements Guide for all material covered by the LRA. If an item is not covered by the LRA, the Compliance Requirements Guide applies.*

## **Will the LRA replace the Unit Specific Plan?**

*Please continue to maintain the Unit Specific Plan until instructed otherwise.*

***Do we still need to complete the annual Integrated Safety Plan (ISP) Review?***

*Please continue to maintain the ISP as you have in the past.*

***How can I learn more about the LRA?***

*This webpage will be updated as new information about the LRA becomes available. Please check back here for updates on the roll-out of the LRA.*