

DRI Occupational Health and Safety Policy on Minors in Laboratories or on Field Studies

Minors (persons under 18 years of age) are not allowed in DRI laboratories or on field study projects where hazardous materials are present or hazardous activities take place except under the following circumstances:

1. The minor is enrolled in a UCCSN approved course with a laboratory component at a DRI facility or with a field study component on a DRI field project ;

OR

2. The minor:

- Is employed by DRI or has been formally accepted as a volunteer worker; and
- Has been trained in safe procedures¹; and
- Has adult supervision by someone familiar with the project; and
- Has a DRI Waiver and Release Agreement² on file with the hiring PI and HR department.

OR

3. The minor:

- Is participating in a DRI-sponsored program; and
- Has been trained in safe procedures¹; and
- Has adult supervision; and
- Has a DRI Waiver and Release Agreement² on file with the host department.

In addition, children may occasionally visit laboratories for short periods (e.g., for open houses, school tours, etc.) if they are accompanied at all times by an adult who works in the laboratory.

¹If radioactive materials are used in the laboratory or field study; the minor must be trained by the UNR Radiation Safety Office. If conditions dictate, s/he will be issued a dosimeter to monitor radiation exposure levels. Exposure to any minor shall not exceed 0.042 rem per month or 0.5 rem (500 millirem) per year.

²Waiver and Release Agreement forms are available from Human Resources. Note: If participant's activity is not covered by Worker's Compensation Insurance, the Parent/Guardian shall be required to show proof of comprehensive health and accident insurance that provides coverage for injuries the minor Participant may sustain in the course of participation in the activity.