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Policy 5445

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#### SEISMIC HAZARD REDUCTION

##### I. REFERENCES:

University Policy Regarding Seismic Hazards, adopted 1975.

##### II. POLICY:

Earthquakes are a source of continued concern on the University of California, Santa Barbara Campus. It is the policy of the University, to the maximum extent feasible by present engineering practices and funding, to provide reasonable levels of earthquake safety for its faculty, students, staff, and public. This policy includes the following program for abatement of immediate seismic hazards:

- A. All appurtenances such as bookcases over 42 inches in height, wall cabinets, display cabinets, lockers, heavy and large laboratory equipment, and compressed gas cylinders shall be fastened to wall or floor in a manner to preclude their falling over in a moderate earthquake.
- B. All lockers, cabinets, or any other fixtures permitted in corridors by the Fire Marshal must be firmly attached to prohibit their falling or breaking.
- C. Shelving containing bottles of chemicals must have seismic retaining strips or devices installed.
- D. Storage of large, heavy items must be maintained as low as possible. Heavy items that must be maintained at a level above 42 inches must be attached or restricted in such a manner as to preclude their falling in a moderate earthquake.
- E. All campus personnel shall have earthquake emergency training conducted periodically within their departments.
- F. Overall responsibility for compliance and funding of this policy rests with department chairpersons and department heads. The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will act in an advisory capacity and assist as required.

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