

Controlled Substances

Psychotropic Drugs

The use of psychotropic drugs such as narcotics for research purposes is regulated by the Federal government. Narcotics are classified as Schedule I - V, or as a "Listed Chemical". Schedule I narcotics have the highest potential for abuse, and no legitimate medical uses, Schedule V narcotics have limited potential for abuse and Listed Chemicals are generally for drug precursors. [Lists of controlled substances](#) are available electronically, as well as the [Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act](#) itself.

Before Using Controlled Substances

Laboratories wishing to use controlled substances and listed chemicals for research purposes must register with the Purchasing Department. These substances can only be used if specifically authorized by the Department Chair, if an appropriate storage location is available in the lab and if an accurate inventory is maintained at all times.

Storage Requirements

Labs are required to have a proper drug storage location for controlled substances:

- The cabinet shall be equipped with a pin-tumbler type or combination lock.
- If a padlock or combination lock is used, the hasp shall be installed so that there is no access to the mounting screws or bolts when the door is closed and the lock is fastened.
- Hinges shall be installed in such a manner as to prevent access to mounting screws or bolts or to the hinge pins when the door is closed.
- The combination or key (if any) shall at all times remain in the physical custody of the individual authorized by the Department Chair to maintain a storage cabinet for controlled substances. When users share a storage cabinet, responsibility for the key is

given to the authorized individual in possession of the storage cabinet.

Restricted Access

Access to controlled substances must be restricted to specific personnel who will be using these materials. Controlled substances cannot be stored in a cabinet with other, general use chemicals, even if it locks.

Inventory and Disposal

Labs must maintain an accurate inventory of all controlled substance and listed chemicals.