**Radiation Safety Training at the University of Montana**

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Radiation Safety training at the University of Montana (UM) consists of three parts. Each part must be completed prior to your first hands on work with radioactive materials.

1. You must read through the pertinent sections in the Radiation Safety Manual (RSM) found in your lab. As an example, if you are not working with animals, you can skip that section. *There is a training documentation sheet in the front of the RSM. Fill that out once you have read, understood and have had the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the RSM.* Your lab director/Authorized User will be available to answer questions and you can always contact the Radiation Safety Officer listed on the front of the RSM.
2. UM has elected to use CITI online training to cover the many topics related to ionizing radiation. The CITI course is entitled Radiation Safety and must be completed before first use of radioisotopes. You may register and take the course as follow:

Go to <https://www.citiprogram.org/?pageID=668> This link will take you to the CITI login page where you can sign in with your UM NetID and password.

Once signed in, click on University of Montana, and scroll down to the Radiation Safety Course. Follow the instructions and complete all modules. Once you have passed the course with a minimum 70%, notice of your completion will automatically go the Radiation Safety Officer. You will also need to go back to the training documentation sheet in the RSM and note the date you completed the CITI program.

1. **The most important part of your training** will come from your lab director/Authorized User. This training will be specific to the procedures and radioisotopes you will be using and builds on the general information in the RSM and the CITI program.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about your use of radioisotopes at UM please contact the RSO listed on the front the Radiation Safety Manual.