



# Lab Coat Use at USF

Is a lab coat available for your use when working in the laboratory? **92% YES**

**62% YES** Do you wear a lab coat when you work in the laboratory?

Do you wear the lab coat outside of the laboratory? **79% NO**

**72%** of respondents say their lab coat was provided by the department or PI.

**79%** of respondents use a reusable lab coat, but only **23%** say the department or PI provides a laundry service.

**70%** of respondents say the cuff of the wristband is not fitted.

A lab coat in which the cuff of the wristband was not fitted was implicated in four spills and/or chemical exposures reported since the fall of 2015. You can put a rubber band around the wrist of your loose-sleeved lab coat to make it less likely to knock over glassware and better protect against exposure to chemicals.

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\* Data provided to EH&S from Lab Coat Use Survey, Spring 2016.