

Biography

Dr. James Kaufman is President/CEO of The Laboratory Safety Institute (LSI) and former Professor of Chemistry and EHS Director at Curry College. He received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Tufts University and his doctorate in organic chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI).

After two years as a post-doctoral fellow in the WPI Chemical Engineering Department converting garbage into fuel oil, Dr. Kaufman joined the Dow Chemical Company's New England Research Laboratory as a Process Research Chemist. During his four years with Dow, he became increasingly involved in laboratory safety related activities. He authored "Laboratory Safety Guidelines". Originally distributed by Dow, now over two million copies of the widely requested and reprinted brochure are in circulation.

Dr. Kaufman is the founder and President/CEO of The Laboratory Safety Institute – an international, non-profit center for safety in science and science education. LSI's lectures and training programs, AV-lending library, Mini-Grants, Internet discussion list, and publications help both academic and non-academic institutions throughout the world. LSI is supported, in part, by grants from individuals, foundations, companies and professional societies.

LSI conducts seminars, short courses, audits and inspections for schools, colleges, and companies. They also provide advice on regulatory compliance, safety program development, facilities design, editorial commentary on laboratory texts, and expert witness testimony.

Dr. Kaufman is a former, ten-year member of the American Chemical Society's (ACS) Council Committee on Chemical Safety and is past-chairman of the 2,500-member ACS Division of Chemical Health and Safety. He is the author-narrator of the ACS Audio Course on Laboratory Safety and editor of "Waste Disposal at Academic Institutions" from Lewis Publishers. He recorded and edited the "One-Day Laboratory Safety Audio Seminar" and "Two-Day Lab Safety Video Course." Most recently, he co-authored "Safety Is Elementary: the new standard for safety in the elementary science classroom"

