



Chemical Incident Response Readiness

Public Health Laboratories

Protecting Health & Safety

The Chemical Incident Response Lab (CIRL) tests for chemical hazards at:

Industrial accidents Toxic exposures Chemical emergencies

We protect the public, first responders, and law enforcement by:

- **Testing capacity** – routine and surge analysis
- **Safety monitoring** – food, environmental, and clinical
- **Emergency readiness** – rapid response to urgent events (Overt or Covert) and unknown chemical identification

Lab Role & Readiness



How We Stay Ready

Prepared in practice, not just on paper

1. **Staff and Instruments in Ready State**

- Staff regularly train and test alongside national labs to maintain competency
- Instruments are maintained, calibrated, and validated to current LRN standards

2. **Up-to-Date Testing Techniques**

Develop, adapt, and troubleshoot testing techniques to meet new threats

3. **Quality First**

- Verify accuracy with control materials
- Regular drills, audits, and inspections
- Participate in national LRN training and conferences

4. **Critical Supplies** - Track and replenish to ensure no delays

WA CIRL Lab

Our mission: Keeping Washington safe through testing and rapid response to chemical hazards.



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