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- *JCHAS* is the premier, peer reviewed journal for the active safety professional. *JCHAS* features work practices, case studies and original research pertaining to all aspects of chemical safety.
- Any manuscript that helps a safety professional to get the job done will be considered.



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- Relaxed formal style
- For all levels (B.S. – Ph.D.)



# Before you start writing:

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- English only (UK or US acceptable)
  - The #1 cause for rejection is poor English grammar
  - Non-native writers should get their MS reviewed by a native English speaker before submitting the article
  - Elston's English Rule: If I can't get through the abstract and the first 2 pages and understand the author's message, it will be rejected before it is sent for review.



# Preparing your MS - Style

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- *The ACS Style Guide* (current edition – available from the American Chemical Society)
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# Style - References

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- References are superscript/endnote style. (Papers will be sent back for revision to meet this)
- Online references must be fully documented
  - Should be peer reviewed sources
  - DOI (Digital Object Identifier) is satisfactory



## Style - References

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- Manuscript



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- Figures if not embedded in MS
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- Preparing the manuscript
- Submitting the MS
- Peer Review
- Revision/Submitting revised version
- Acceptance
- Publication





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