

GENERAL LAB SAFETY REGULATIONS

1. Eating, drinking and smoking is prohibited in all laboratories.

The separation of food and drink from locations containing hazardous materials and potentially contaminated items minimizes the risk of accidental ingestion. The risk of exposure is also reduced by not using laboratory microwave ovens for the heating of food.

2. Laboratory coats and appropriate eye protection must be worn in laboratories when working with chemicals. Appropriate personal clothing must be worn, and shoes must be worn that provide full coverage of the feet.

Splashing hazardous materials onto exposed skin or into the eyes is a commonly encountered occurrence. Skin exposed by inappropriate clothing; for example, shorts and short skirts, has to be protected with appropriate laboratory attire; for example, an apron or gown that covers your exposed skin. Appropriate eye protection, such as splash goggles, face-shields, or UV blocking glasses, must be available and worn if a risk of injury to eyes exists.

3. Procedures, which involve the liberation of volatile, flammable, or toxic materials, must be performed in a fume hood.

4. Long hair must be tied back when working with hazardous chemicals and open flames.

5. Pranks and horseplay will not be tolerated in the lab.

6. Laboratory coats and gloves shall be removed before leaving the laboratory.

7. Hands must be washed before leaving the laboratory.