

Mandatory Laboratory Safety Rules:

1. Comply with emergency evacuation procedures.
2. Access to eyewashes, safety showers, and fire extinguishers must be kept clear.
3. Eating and drinking in the laboratories and animal rooms is strictly forbidden at all times!
4. Eye protection must be worn at all times in the laboratories where chemicals are used and where there is the potential for eye injury.
5. Open-toed shoes, sandals, nor shorts, are NOT acceptable in laboratories or animal rooms!
6. Keep the Chemical Hygiene Plan, MSDS's, and emergency phone numbers in a highly visible location in the lab.
7. Immediately report any work related illness or injury to your supervisor and the safety coordinator.
8. Tasks that present unusual hazards must be reviewed with the appropriate supervisor before they are conducted.
9. Labels on containers must not be defaced, and all containers of chemicals must be labeled, listing the contents, hazards, name of owner, date received, and date opened.
10. Dispose of all expired chemicals per annual inventory of the lab. Contact EH&S for all waste chemical disposals at 742-3876.
11. When working with carcinogens, mutagens, or teratogens, comply with all safety procedures.
12. Pipetting by mouth is strictly forbidden!
13. Gas cylinders must be firmly secured with restraints whether in use or stored. Regulators must be removed and caps used when moving cylinders.
14. Do not modify electrical equipment yourself! The electrical shop will modify or fix electrical equipment for your SAFETY.
15. Emergency Contact Information should be posted within laboratory and on the outside of the laboratory door.
16. For research laboratories, the Principal Investigator's office and an after-hours phone number along with, other employee's or graduate student's after-hours phone numbers should be posted inside the lab near the entrance.

Exposure Incident:

An exposure incident occurs when potentially infectious material enters the body through a needlestick, contact with mucous membranes (eyes, inside of nose or mouth, genitals) or contact with broken skin (rash, acne, cuts, scrape). If this occurs,

- Immediately wash the infected are with soap and water or disinfectant for 15 minutes.
- If it is an eye exposure, irrigate the eye at an eyewash station for 15 minutes (do not use disinfectant).
- Apply first aid if necessary.
- Notify your supervisor.
- Call the employer's occupational medicine provider to arrange a post-exposure evaluation.
- Take a Bloodborne Pathogen Exposure Incident Report to the provider to be completed at the evaluation.