

LABORATORY SAFETY RULES

1. Wear APPROPRIATE CLOTHING for a laboratory setting. We will be working with liquids that could stain clothing, so you are advised not to wear your finest apparel. Do not wear open-toed shoes or exceedingly short-cut attire (i.e., shorts or halter-tops) since your clothing also provides protection against flammable or corrosive chemicals that we will use on occasion.
2. Eating, smoking, or drinking are not allowed in the laboratory.
3. Familiarize yourself with the locations of the fire extinguishers, eye wash stations and first aid kits in rooms 101 and 103. We will not be working with open flames in this lab, but should a small fire occur, call for the instructor IMMEDIATELY. If clothes are aflame, roll the person on the floor to smother the fire.
4. ALL ACCIDENTS, even minor cuts and burns, should be reported to the lab instructor.
5. For some experiments safety glasses may be provided and must be worn.
6. Keep your lab bench clean at all times. Clean up spills promptly. Do not haphazardly clutter the bench with lab supplies.
7. A box is present in the lab for the discard of sharp items such as Pasteur pipets, razor blades, scalpels, and microscope cover slides. Do not discard other materials in this box unless so instructed.
8. BEFORE YOU LEAVE FROM THE LAB you must thoroughly clean any glassware that you have used, and leave it to dry on paper towels at your bench space. Make sure that other lab supplies are returned to their proper locations, and your bench is WIPED CLEAN.
9. Read the laboratory exercise before the lab period begins. Follow the steps of the lab procedure as indicated.
10. Do not pipet by mouth. Always use the pipetters that are provided.
11. USE COMMON SENSE at all times.