#### Lab Safety presentation and contract

first day of lab

know the locations of everything in your lab no student can participate in class without signed contract

Lab inspections

Safety Office will be randomly inspecting your labs be sure to use your safety check list

Chemical control and MSDS

implementation of new MSDS practices

Training - some is required of everybody

some on line, some live

you will receive notification

## **Essentials of Laboratory Safety**

#### Before Lab Work, Get to Know:

- Hazards of materials & agents and their prescribed safety procedures
- Emergency spill procedures, use of adsorbents and disinfectants
- Designated escape route and alternate
- Location of fire ext., eye wash,
   shower, first aid, and spill kits
- Emergency telephone numbers and reporting procedures

- 6 Shoes with full coverage and good grip soles
- 6 Restrain long hair, loose clothing and jewelry
- b Use appropriate eye, skin, and hand protection

### Eye protection

Protects against risk of flying objects or dust particles, splashes of hazardous materials or harmful rays

### Safety Glasses

- Unbreakable lenses of plastic or tempered glass
- For light-to-moderate work
- Can be prescription lenses
- Do not interfere with contact lenses

#### Goggles

- Work with significant risk of splash of chemicals or projectiles
- Can be worn over prescription glasses

#### **Face Shield**

- Work with significant risk of splash on face or possible explosion
- Face shield protects face adequately but not eyes

#### **Hand Protection**

- Protects against risk of cuts, abrasions, burns, or exposure to hazardous materials.
- Requires selection of the appropriate chemical resistant gloves

- Handle volatiles in a chemical fume hood
- Use mechanical transfer devices

- Follow universal precautions
- Handle unknowns as if they were hazardous
- Contain bioaerosols in a biological safety cabinet

- 6 Authorized persons only
- 6 Identify EVERYTHING!
- 6 No food, beverages, tobacco products, or application of cosmetics

Report all:

**b**Accidents

**b**Injuries

**b**Fires

**b**Spills

**b**Close calls

### Before Leaving the Lab:

#### Turn off:

- 6 Gas
- 6 Water
- 6 Power supplies
- 6 Vacuum lines
- 6 Compression lines
- 6 Heating apparatus

#### **Before Leaving the Lab:**

- Identify and package waste, dispose properly
- 6 Lock/out and tag/out defective equipment
- Decontaminate work surfaces and equipment
- 6 Return unused equipment, apparatus, etc.
- b Leave lab coat in the lab
- 6 Wash
- 6 Close and lock door

### **Evaluating Lab Hazards**

Regular review of the types of hazards:

- ×chemical
- × physical
- × biological
- ×ergonomic
- × mechanical

### Weekly Lab Checks

- Eye wash (purge)
- Fire extinguisher
- × First Aid Kit
- × Fume Hood
- Tubing, pressurized connections
- Chemical storage

# I. GENERAL SAFETY RULES

1. Read the exercise long BEFORE coming to class. Take note of the inclusion of chemicals and solutions, sharps, glassware, biological hazards, or anything else that might pose a safety concern. Don't over look little things.

2. Under most circumstances in your biology instructional labs eye protection is not necessary. However, there are times when you should where safety glasses.



Wear safety
glasses to
protect your eyes
from chemicals,
heated
materials, or
things that might
be able to
shatter.

3. Clean up spills as soon as they happen. Report the spill to your lab instructor. If the spill is only water, clean it up with paper towels. You may find yourself doing this often around lab bench sinks.





http://en.wikipedia. org/wiki/Slip\_and\_ fall



(3. continued) Large spills should be cleaned up with the spill kit. The kit has a dam to contain the spill and absorbent towels to clean it up with. There is also a plastic bag to put everything in after the spill is cleaned up.



- 4. After handling chemicals, always wash your <u>hands</u> with <u>soap</u> and water.
- 5. During lab work, keep your hands away from your <u>face</u>.
- 6. Tie back long hair.
- 7. Roll up loose sleeves.
- 8. Know the <u>location</u> of the fire extinguisher, eyewash station, and first aid kit.
- 9. Keep your work area uncluttered. Take to the lab station only what is necessary.



10. It is suggested that you wear glasses rather than contact lenses. Contact lenses can trap any chemical powders, aerosols, gases or solutions that come in contact with your eyes.

# 11. Never put anything into your <u>mouth</u> during a lab experiment unless specifically told to do so by your instructor.



# 12. Clean up your lab area at the <u>conclusion</u> of the laboratory period.



13. Never "horse around" or play practical jokes in the

laboratory.



#### 14. Dispose of animal waste in autoclavable biohazard bags.



# 15. Dispose of sharps (needles, scalpel blades, etc) in the sharps container.



# 16. Dispose of paper waste and other trash in the regular trash container.



17. Shorts and open toed shoes are not allowed in lab. You will be asked to leave class if you wear these items to lab. Boots, tennis shoes, or other hard soled shoes are desirable. Long pants or jeans or long dresses are required. Long hair should be tied back.



#### 18. Wash your hands often. In lab and out.

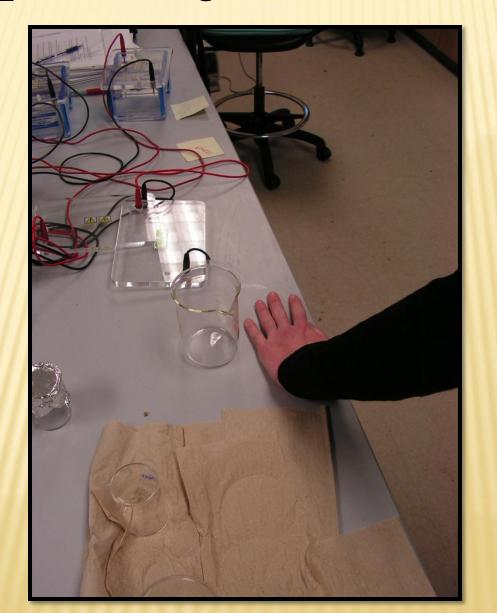


# B. GLASSWARE SAFETY

- 1. Chipped or cracked glassware should not be used. Show it to the teacher.
- 2. Broken glassware should not be disposed of in a classroom trashcan. There is a special glass disposal container for broken glassware and use microscope slides.



3. When pouring liquids into glassware, make sure the container you are pouring into is resting on a table at least a <u>hand's breadth</u> from the edge.



- 4. If a piece of glassware gets broken, do not try to clean it up by yourself. Notify the lab instructor.
- 5. Handle hot glassware with autoclave gloves





#### 6. Handle hot test tubes with test tube holders.



7. Do not place hot glassware in <u>water</u>. Rapid cooling may make it <u>shatter</u>.



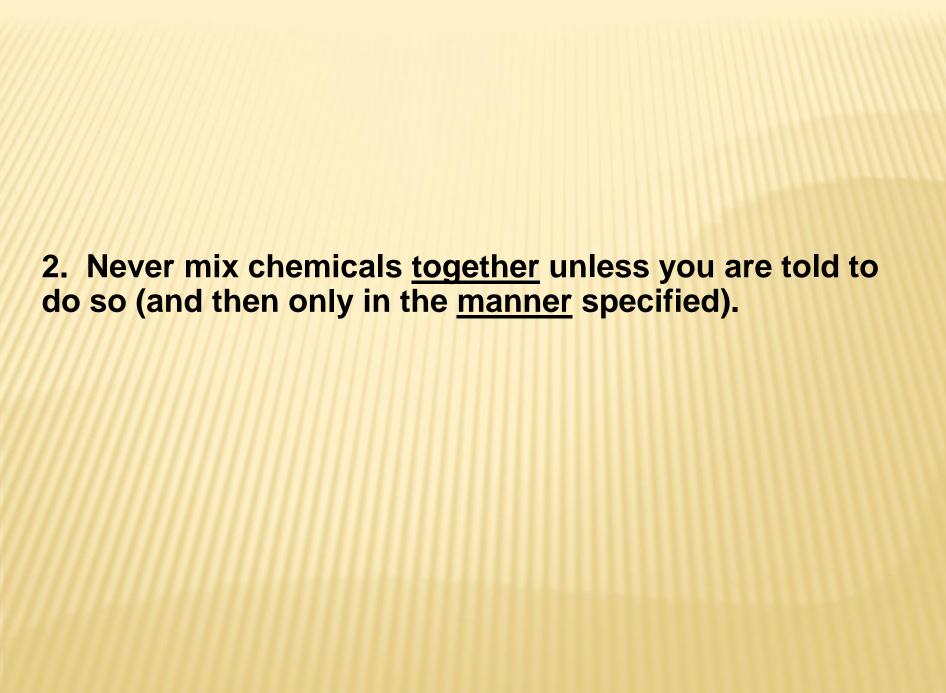
8. Wash glassware with dish soap when the exercise is complete



#### C. CHEMICAL SAFETY

1. Wear protective goggles and a lab apron whenever heating or pouring hazardous chemicals.





3. Never taste any chemicals (you should never taste anything in the lab unless you are specifically told to do so by the lab instructor.).

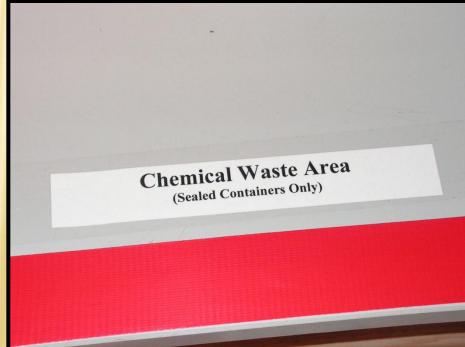
4. If you need to smell the <u>odor</u> of a chemical, <u>waft</u> the fumes toward your nose with one hand. Do not put your nose over the container and <u>inhale</u> the fumes.



5. Never pour water into a concentrated <u>acid</u>. Acid should be poured <u>slowly</u> into water.

- 6. Follow the instructions of your lab instructor when disposing of all chemicals. All labs have a specific area designated for chemical waste.
- 7. Wash your hands after handling <u>any</u> chemicals.





#### D. ELECTRICAL SAFETY

1. Lay electrical cords where no one can trip on them or get caught in them.

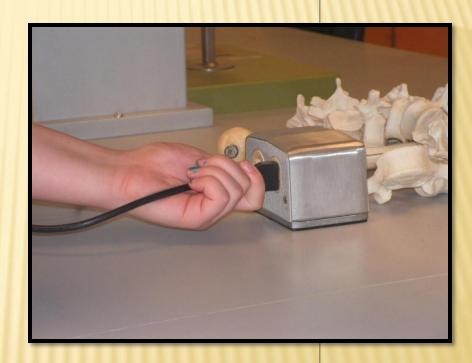


2. Be sure your hands and your lab area are <u>dry</u> before using electrical equipment.

3. Never poke anything into electrical <u>outlets</u>.

# 4. Unplug cords by pulling the <u>plug</u> and not the cord.





5. Unplug all electrical equipment at the end of the <u>lab period</u>.

#### E. HEATING SAFETY

- 1. Let burners and hotplates cool down before touching them. Test to see if they are cool enough by bringing the back of your hand close to them.
- 2. Use tongs and/or protective gloves to handle hot objects.
- 3. Never reach across an open <u>flame</u> or <u>burner</u>.

- 4. The only type of glassware that may safely be heated is either <u>Kimax</u> or Pyrex.
- 5. Always point the top ends of test tubes that are being heated <u>away</u> from people.
- 6. When heating a test tube, move it around slowly over the flame to distribute the <u>heat</u> evenly.



- 7. Do not heat glassware unless required by the exercise.
- 8. Heat glassware by placing it on a wire gauze platform on a <u>ringstand or use an electric hotplate</u>. <u>Do not hold it in your hand</u>.

- 9. When lighting a burner, wait until a match is struck or the striker is in place <u>before</u> you turn on the <u>gas</u>.
- 10. The amount of air can be adjusted by the air supply valve below the tube of the burner. This regulates the flame temperature and color.
- 11. Never leave a burner or hotplate unattended.

Injury: Burns

To do: Immediately flush with <u>cold</u> water until burning sensation is lessened.





Injury: Cuts, bruises

To do: Do not touch an open wound without safety gloves. Pressing directly on minor cuts will stop bleeding in a few minutes. Apply cold compress to bruises to reduce swelling.



Injury: Fainting

To do: Provide <u>fresh</u> air and have the person recline so that their head is <u>lower</u> than the rest of their body.

Injury: The eyes

To do: Flush eyes immediately with plenty of <u>water</u> for several minutes. If a foreign object is lodged in the eye, do not allow the eye to be <u>rubbed</u>.



Injury: Poisoning

To do: Find out what substance was responsible for the poisoning and alert the Lab Instructor immediately.



Injury: Spills on the skin

To do: Flush with large quantities of water for

at least one minute.



Injury: Electrical shock

To do: Shut off the current at the <u>source</u>. Remove wire with rubber gloves. Alert the <u>Lab Instructor</u> immediately.



#### Things to find around the instructional lab:

- 1. Fire extinguisher
- 2. First Aid kit
- 3. Eye wash
- 4. Breaker box
- 5. Spill kit
- 6. Soap
- 7. Table top cleaners
- 8. Paper towels































## BLUE 1ML GREEN 10ML RED 20ML























Daily Lab Checks	
	Good Poor Comments
Goggles, or safety glasses as appropriate	
Shoes and long pants	
Hair tied back	
No horse play	
First aid kit	
Fire extinguisher accessible	
Eye wash ready	
Gas/electric shut off	
Windows intact	
Sashes down	
PPE used	
No food or drinks	
MSDS available	
Gas cylinders secured	