

LABORATORY RULES

1. Understand the experiment before beginning work. If in doubt, ask for help.
2. Safety glasses or goggles are to be worn at all times in the laboratory.
3. Dress appropriately. Your clothing is a barrier between your skin and potentially hazardous chemicals. Shirts and shoes are required. Shorts, short skirts, open-toed shoes, sandals, and midriff shirts are not allowed. Avoid floppy or extremely loose clothing. Secure long hair and loose sleeves with rubber bands or sleeve protectors.
4. Outer-wear clothing and book bags, etc. should be hung on the coat racks or placed in the cabinets provided in the lab.
5. No chewing gum, no using smokeless tobacco products, and no eating or drinking food or beverages of any kind in the lab. No smoking or drinking anywhere in the building.
6. No storing food or beverages of any kind in the lab.
7. Lab drawers should be kept closed when you are not removing items from them.
8. Keep glassware to the back of the bench.
9. Pipets, thermometers and burets should always be placed so they cannot roll off the bench.
10. Do not attempt any unauthorized procedures. No horseplay or practical jokes.
11. Working alone in the lab is prohibited. An instructor must always be present.
12. If chemicals contact your skin, rinse immediately and thoroughly with cold water. Tell your TA immediately. Never touch your eyes or your mouth unless you KNOW your hands are clean. Wash your hands before leaving the laboratory.
13. Consider all chemicals hazardous. Never taste any chemical or inhale any vapor.
14. When working in the fume hood, keep the sash as low as possible. All chemicals should be kept at least 6 inches from the front of the hood.
15. Keep the lab clean and the floor dry. Wipe up any spills or broken glass immediately. Use spill absorbent or acid neutralizer on chemical spills. Broken glass is deposited in the glass trash only. Do not throw glassware contaminated with chemicals in the broken glass box.
16. No one who appears under the influence of drugs or alcohol will be permitted in the lab.
17. No children or visitors not enrolled in this course are permitted in the lab.
18. Please bring any safety concerns to your TA. Notify him/her immediately in case of an accident, however minor. Also, be alert to the possibility of an accident by your neighbors. You could be a victim of their mistakes.