

COMMITMENT TO SAFETY IN THE LABORATORY

1. Safety glasses must be worn at all times in the lab while working at or about the benches.
2. Notify the instructor (or supervisor) immediately of any accident, regardless of how minor you may think it is.
3. Outer, over-clothing must be worn, which protects body/skin to the wrists and below the knees (for example, a lab coat combined with long pants).
4. Sturdy, closed shoes (no sandals, etc.) must be worn in lab
5. Long hair must be tied or otherwise secured behind the head
6. No visitors in the lab, including children.
7. No food, drink, tobacco products in lab.
8. Broken glass must be handled with proper safety precautions; all broken glass must be discarded in a designated container.
9. All spills must be cleaned up immediately. Any questions about how to do so, consult with your instructor or supervisor.
10. After handling chemicals, always wash your hands thoroughly, especially after a spill on your hands. In most cases, flushing with large amounts of water lessens or prevents injury in cases of cuts, burns or spills on the skin.
11. Notify your instructor (or supervisor) of medical/health conditions relevant to safety **before your first experiment**. These include (but are not limited to): pregnancy as it becomes known, a history of seizures or fainting, neurological disorders that may compromise the safe handling of labware, chemical or latex allergies, serious vision or hearing impairments, hemophilia, hepatitis B, anosmia (inability to smell)
12. Know the locations of fire extinguishers, fire blankets, eyewashes, emergency showers, nearest exits.
13. If you miss the safety advisory for a particular lab experiment or assignment, you will NOT be allowed to do the experiment.
14. For research assignments, an employee fully trained and knowledgeable in chemical safety has to be within immediate reach (typically, chemistry staff or faculty in the same lab or a nearby location). Senior non-employees (e.g., post-doctoral, visiting faculty) may substitute for an employee only by prior agreement.

I acknowledge that I have received, read, and understand the safety information presented to me. In doing so, I certify that I will follow the above policies, follow all instructions from University faculty and staff, follow all laboratory safety rules, and only perform exercises and activities in a safe and responsible manner. I further understand that the activities of this class (or project) will require me to perform exercises with chemicals and other potentially hazardous materials under the supervision of University faculty and staff, and that I can be dismissed if I violate this agreement.

Lab/location (e.g., 234-001) and supervisor

Semester

Date

Printed Name _____ Signature _____