

Lab Safety Policies

Room 238, Dr. Johnson

Do not begin lab work until your instructor has completed a pre-lab discussion describing the safety precautions you must follow. Perform lab experiments only when your instructor is present in the room.

Do not eat, drink, chew gum, or apply lip balm during lab.

Do not engage in any form of horseplay. This includes threatening horseplay as well as actual horseplay.

Wear goggles at all times while you and your classmates are working in the lab. Your lab instructor is the only person who can alter or waive this rule. Return goggles at the end of the class period.

Wear any other protective equipment like gloves when required by your instructor.

Tie long hair behind the head. (Hair is flammable!) Avoid wearing open-toed shoes such as sandals or flip flops while you are working in the lab. Also avoid wearing expensive clothes.

Never heat flammable liquids with an open flame from a candle or Bunsen burner.

If you break equipment or spill chemicals notify your instructor at once.

Do not “pipet by mouth” (use lab equipment like a straw) or use other unsafe methods of handling laboratory chemicals.

You must dispose of all waste properly. Instructions for proper waste disposal will be given by your instructor or by your lab procedure.

You are not allowed to perform unauthorized experiments. You are never allowed to work alone.

Do not enter the storeroom.

Before you leave the laboratory, clean your workstation and restore it to its original state.

Wash your hands.

Please understand that if you do not adhere to lab safety policies you will not be allowed to participate in lab activities, a mandatory part of the course.