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Environmental Health and Safety

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Taking Care of Your PPE

PPE such as lab coats need to be cared for just as other personal protective equipment. This is an OSHA requirement.



The lab coat protects the individual from exposure to chemicals and powders used in the laboratory. It also protects specimens or samples from contamination. However, storing lab coats in this manner defeats that purpose.

Lab coats are to be kept clean and laundered when needed to ensure protection to the individual and the specimen or sample.

When finished working, hang up the lab coat in a location where it can be kept clean. Send your lab coat out to the laundry if your lab coat requires a cleaning.



PIs and Supervisors

Ensure your staff have received the proper safety training - it is your responsibility to be certain students and employees are properly trained on equipment and are aware of the hazards in their work area.

Top 5 Laboratory Safety Violations

1. Housekeeping - keeping the lab clean
2. Chemical Labeling - identify all chemicals and powders
3. Updated Emergency Contact Information
4. Blocking Eyewash Station
5. Chemical Storage

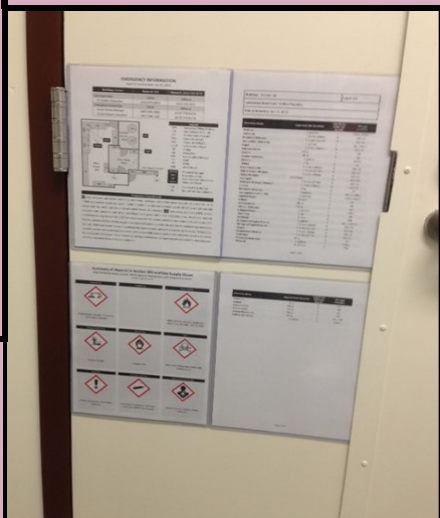
Did you know? A University Safety Committee has been established to review safety issues related to work conducted in laboratories and other activities on Lehigh's campus.

Safety Training is available online at the EH&S website.



Emergency Information

It's a new year—time to update your emergency information, lab inventory and lab layout. If there are two doors to your lab make sure each door has a posted copy so emergency responders know it's the emergency sheet for that lab. Identify alarms (such as gas alarms) in your lab so in the event an alarm activates they will know what system is alarming. If you have questions contact Elaine Kuchera at emk3/84248.



Did you know? All containers in the lab used for waste must have a properly filled out waste label.



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