LABORATORY SAFETY RULES

Complete required EHS training prior to beginning work. Training courses can be found at www.yale.edu/training.

Familiarize yourself with the University’s Chemical Hygiene Plan, Biosafety Manual, and Radiation Safety Manual (ehs.yale.edu).

Incorporate risk assessments when planning out experiments, and write Standard Operating Procedures before beginning new processes/operations.

Plan for emergencies and know the location of emergency eyewashes and showers, spill kits, fire extinguishers, and fire pull stations.

Do not work alone with highly hazardous materials or operations.

Wear PPE and appropriate apparel, including clothing that covers the legs, closed toe solid top shoes, and safety glasses; wear gloves and a lab coat when working with hazardous materials.

Follow additional PPE requirements based on the PPE hazard assessment tool.

Label all chemical containers, including oil/water baths, squirt bottles, etc.

Label all hazardous waste containers with the full chemical names of the contents and the words “hazardous waste”. Ensure these containers are capped when waste is not being added.

Keep aisle ways clear. Do not block access to emergency equipment or exits.

Store chemicals in appropriate storage locations. Do not store chemicals on floors and keep storage outside chemical cabinets to a minimum.

Remember: Food and Beverages are not allowed in the laboratory!

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911 MEDICAL, POLICE, OR FIRE EMERGENCIES
203-785-3555 YALE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY
203-432-0123 YALE HEALTH – MINOR MEDICAL ISSUES

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