DO

✓ Check the drain plug for blockage.
✓ Inspect the gasket seal for deformation or damage.
✓ Report any damaged components or odd sounds to your business office or service provider.
✓ Loosen the cap on any containers to be autoclaved.
✓ Cover exposed skin.
✓ Wear personal protective equipment (PPE) including lab coat, apron, heat-resistant gloves and face shield.
✓ Ensure the door is closed completely before starting the cycle.
✓ Report injuries, incidents, near misses or poor work practices to Yale Environmental Health and Safety at 203-785-3550.

DO NOT

✗ Attempt to use a damaged autoclave.
✗ Autoclave toxic, flammable, oxidizer, corrosive chemicals or compressed gases.
✗ Autoclave radioactive chemicals or items.
✗ Autoclave anatomical tissue waste, bleached items or formaldehyde treated tissue.
✗ Autoclave plastics such as PS, PETE/PET, HDPE, PVC, LDPE*.
✗ Put too much water in your containment tray.

* PS=Polystyrene, PETE/PET=Polyethylene Terephthalate, HDPE=High Density Polyethylene, PVC=Polyvinyl Chloride, LDPE=Low Density Polyethylene

In Case of Emergency….

• Call the EHS Emergency Line 24/7 at 203-785-3555.
• Call 911 for all fire, police and medical emergencies.
• For general EHS-related issues, call 203-785-3550 or email ehs@yale.edu.