Safety is everyone’s responsibility.
When each person in the lab does their part, the lab is a safer place to work.

- Avoid working alone in the lab. Notify others if solitary work cannot be avoided and have someone periodically check in.
- Review standard operating procedures and follow them carefully.
- Review chemical Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and be knowledgeable about the hazards of the chemical being handled and waste disposal.
- Frequently check hazardous waste accumulation storage areas and arrange for disposal as needed. Avoid accumulating large amounts of hazardous waste.
- A clean lab is a safe lab! Keep areas tidy and organized.
- Include safety topics in your lab, school, and departmental meetings.
- Contact Public Safety for your campus and EH&S for lab incidents and near misses
- EH&S is here to support academic community in safely achieving their research goals.

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