

LAB SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

Lab Housekeeping

Good lab housekeeping reduces the number of accidents, minimize risks & consequences of slips, trips, falls, unplanned reactions and fire.

Space is always at a premium. Don't be a hoarder!

- Limiting combustible materials like paper or cardboard reduces risk of fire. Never block emergency exits, fire extinguishers, safety showers, eyewashes, or electrical panels.
- Consider scheduling frequent lab clean-out days (at least quarterly) and [pickups for chemicals](#) that are no longer needed or used. Make arrangements to service, maintain, or remove broken equipment. [Manage chemical waste](#) by proper collection and segregation, closing and labelling the containers.
- No food and drinks should be stored or consumed in wet labs.
- Routine use of an EPA registered disinfectant on any surfaces in contact with microorganisms.
- Secure razors and sharps in storage when not in use to prevent incidental sharp injuries.
- [Clean freezer coils](#) periodically to prevent accumulation of dust and potential fires.



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