

Lab Safety Rules

Laboratory Work is an important part of Biomed classes. Some materials used in the lab can be dangerous if they are used improperly. Therefore, it is important that certain rules be followed during lab activities:

1. Come to the lab prepared to work seriously.
2. Follow ALL instructions. The directions given by the teacher at the beginning of the lab are extremely important and essential to completing the activity. All written directions should be followed in order.
3. Closed-toed shoes must be worn in the lab at all times.
4. Long hair should be tied back at all times in the lab.
5. Lab goggles, gloves, aprons, and other safety gear **MUST** be on when the teacher specifies.
6. Never touch or taste any substance in the lab!
7. Food and drinks should never be brought into the lab.
8. Notify the teacher of any spills, broken glass, or other damages for clean-up instructions.
9. Use appropriate tools for handling hot glassware or other hot objects.
10. Never leave an open flame or a heated substance unattended.
11. Read and double check all labels before working with any substances.
12. Dispose of wastes according to the teacher's instructions. Solid wastes go in a trashcan, most liquid wastes down the sink, but there are some exceptions. Always double check!
13. Clean up your work area at the end of the lab. Everything should be wiped down and disinfected with soap and hot water or other cleaner as instructed.
14. Wash your hands well before you exit the lab.