28. Laboratory Safety

Prior to starting work in a lab, communicate with a knowledgeable person for that lab on hazards and protective measures for lab entry. This may be the principal investigator (PI), lab manager or other lab personnel.

28.01. If occupational health services are required to enter a lab, a supervisor shall schedule a consultation with the appropriate staff and services of the University Health Services before assigning any related activities.

28.02. Be aware of the hazards in the lab.

28.03. Read the door card for the lab. See the sample door cards in the Appendix of this document.

28.04. Wear required PPE for the lab. See door card or talk to a knowledgeable person for the lab for the PPE requirements.

28.05. Never touch or move any lab containers or equipment. If lab containers or equipment need to be moved to complete the activity; contact the lab for assistance. Schedule the activity with lab personnel to insure the work area is cleared prior to starting.

28.06. If working inside a fume hood or the exhaust for the hood, notify the lab to have all chemicals and other materials removed from the hood prior to starting work.

28.07. Do not handle or move animals or animal cages. Have lab personnel move items for you. The same applies for animal bedding and waste.