

### 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.