General Laboratory Safety Rules and Guidelines

The Georgia Regents University Department of Biological Sciences must maintain the safest laboratory conditions possible. The full cooperation of students, staff, and faculty is necessary for the safe operation of laboratory sessions. To that ends the following rules and guidelines have been established.

- Upon entering the laboratory, place all books, coats, backpacks, and large personal items on the designated shelves. Do not clutter your work area.
- Locate fire extinguishers, eyewash, first aid kit, broken glass container, and clean up materials for spills.
- In case of fire, use the nearest exit to evacuate the building in a quick and calm manner.
- No food or drink in the laboratory.
- Wear enclosed shoes in the laboratory. Open-toed shoes, sandals, or flip-flops are not acceptable.
- Wear eye protection when required by your instructor.
- Report all spills, accidents, and injuries to your instructor.
- Wash skin immediately with soap and water if contaminated with chemicals or microorganisms. Remove affected clothing to prevent reaction with your skin.
- Keep flammable liquids away from open flames and heat sources.
- Upon completion of laboratory exercises, place all materials in designated areas. Do not pour liquid waste in the sinks unless told to do so by your instructor.
- Wash your hands with soap and water prior to leaving the laboratory.
- Do not remove materials from the laboratory.
- No more than 28 students are permitted in the laboratory at any one time.
- Children, spouses, and friends are not allowed to accompany students in the laboratories.