

# Laboratory Safety Rules

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I. Be aware of the available safety equipment and how to use it. Your lab instructor will provide an introduction that will aid you in becoming familiar with the location and use of the various types of safety equipment available in the laboratory.

II. No food or beverages may be consumed in the lab. Because toxic chemicals and pathogenic organisms are handled and sometimes spilled on the floor, tabletop, or countertop by this or other classes (ie: biotech), the possibility of ingesting contaminated materials is greatly increased by consuming or just handling food or beverages in the laboratory. **State law and City College regulations forbid the consumption of beverages and food in the classroom/labs.** Restrict munching and sipping to the passing hall and to be on the safe side, leave all comestibles within your backpacks when in class

III. Dispose of all waste materials properly. Your lab instructor will inform you of the proper disposal methods of lab materials.

- Look for separate disposal receptacles for
  - organic material
  - sharp objects
  - contaminated waste paper and gloves
    - dispose of gloves after disinfecting the tabletop
- If in doubt about the proper disposal of any material, ask the lab instructor
- Only uncontaminated waste paper should be placed in the wastebaskets

IV. Tabletops should be washed using the red bottle of solution near the sink following labs involving preserved specimens. Keep your gloves on while cleaning the tabletop.

VI. Wash your hands before leaving the laboratory. Disinfectant soap is available at each sink. You must wash your hands after each lab exercise.

V. Bare feet are not allowed

VI. Keep areas lab areas utilized clean. Do not leave any trash behind.

VII. Report any injuries to the lab instructor immediately. Should the instructor not be present, immediately notify the personnel in the Biology Storeroom (S305), the instructor in the nearest lab, or the Biology Office (S304).