

Biology Lab Etiquette Policy for Teaching Assistants, Student Workers and Students Conducting Independent Research

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Biology students working independently in Schaefer Hall, are expected to follow the safety rules described in the Biology Safety Manual and any additional rules set by your faculty mentor or supervisor. The safety manual is on the biology web site. Teaching Assistants, student workers, and students conducting directed research are included in this category. You will be asked to sign a safety contract, as for any lab course.

All scientific laboratories present specific hazards and should always be treated with consideration of these hazards. Students authorized to have keys to laboratory spaces in Schaefer Hall are responsible for their actions and activities. Keep doors locked in areas where you're not working, and lock all doors when you leave the building. Do not provide lab access to any students who have not been granted permission to access lab spaces. To avoid theft and unauthorized access, lock the doors when you leave the room, even if you are only leaving for a short time. Having keys is a privilege, not a right. If you do not follow these rules, you run the risk of losing your keys which may impact your ability to perform your laboratory duties.

- Never eat and drink in lab.
- Always wear appropriate shoes and clothing. Use the appropriate personal protective equipment when required for the task.
- Don't work alone in the lab, especially late at night.
- All labs are off limits after 11 PM.
- Be aware of what to do in an emergency.

You are expected to be familiar with and abide by the policies on academic honesty as stated in the College Catalog and the Code of Student Rights and Responsibilities. Cases of suspected academic dishonesty will be referred to the Academic Judicial Board.

Name (printed): _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

Mentor/Supervisor: _____ Date: _____