Safety Responsibilities of Faculty & Lab Managers

1) Primary responsibility for safety within their own laboratory or work space rests with the individual faculty member or lab manager.

   Every faculty member and lab manager shall:

2) Instruct new personnel, starting on day 1 of their employment, on good safety practice. This will include:

   (i) Handling of hazardous materials (e.g. metabolic poisons, solvents and pressured gases) and appropriate protective clothing (e.g., gloves, goggles and lab coat)

   (ii) Work-place labeling of solutions.

   (iii) Directing new users of ALL departmental equipment first to Mr. Craig Skinner who will coordinate training and the safe operation of personally-owned equipment.

3) Maintain an inventory of chemicals.

4) Ensure that hazardous materials are stored in the appropriate place.

5) Ensure that NO food or drink is stored* or consumed inside of a laboratory. (* the sole exception is food required for experimentation)

6) Conduct regular checks of their own research area(s) and regularly monitor the practices of personnel.

7) Act promptly to concerns raised by those using their space and by the Safety Committee.


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