

CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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Laboratory Hazard Signage

Laboratory hazard signs help to communicate information about significant physical and health hazards located in the laboratory, as well as the personal protective equipment REQUIRED for entering the space. You will notice that ALL laboratories REQUIRE eye protection to be worn when entering a laboratory; this is University Policy. Some labs have also added a lab coat requirement to their laboratory door signage.

If you notice someone is at risk because they are in the lab without the proper PPE, remind them about the laboratory requirements and excuse them from the lab until the PPE is obtained.

Safety is everyone's responsibility!

If you have questions about your laboratory hazard sign, or if it requires updating, contact EHS at dehsafety@udel.edu for assistance.

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CAUTION Hazardous Chemicals and Physical Agents may be Present	
AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL ONLY	
EMERGENCY INFORMATION: Public Safety 911 Environmental Health and Safety 831-8475 See insert card for specific hazards and special instructions	
 EYE PROTECTION REQUIRED	 DANGER FLAMMABLE MATERIALS
 DANGER FLAMMABLE GAS	 CAUTION ULTRAVIOLET LIGHT WEAR EYE PROTECTION
NO EATING, DRINKING OR SMOKING	
<small>Rev. 06/2008 (BRL)</small>	

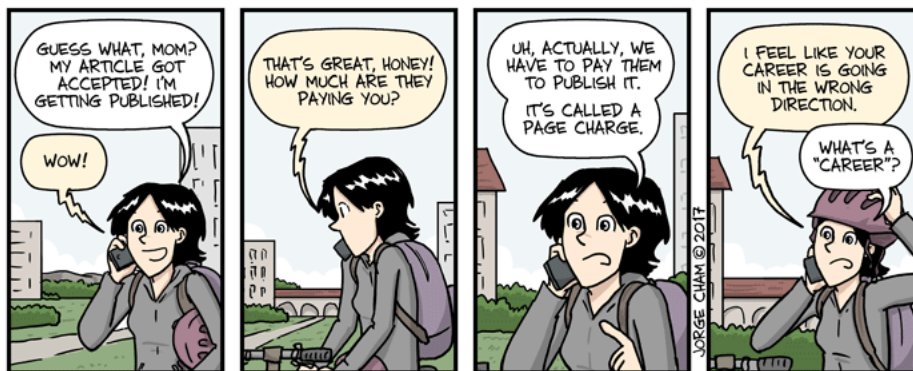
Laboratory Safety Inspections

How many times per year should your laboratory be inspected? The answer is four or quarterly. Each year, EHS conducts an annual inspection of your lab; however, the other three routine inspections can be conducted by a combination of self-audits, peer inspections, and department safety committee inspections. Remember to record all inspections using BioRaft.



Last year's common inspection findings included:

- Waste containers not properly labeled,
- Safety training not completed or expired,
- Unlabeled chemical containers,
- Chemical storage compatibility issues,
- Electrical safety (frayed cords), and
- Emergency contact information missing,
- ChemInventory Audit not completed



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