## Think Safety First!

# CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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February Self-inspections: 15 Innov., DGS, DuPont, Evans, Fisher Greenhouse, Georgetown, Sharp, Townsend, Worrilow March Self-inspections: AP Bio, Brown Lab, Drake, LDL, IEC, Person, STAR mod labs.

### Lithium-ion (Li-ion) & Lithium-Polymer (LiPO) Battery Safety

- 1. Purchasing
  - Only purchase batteries that carry a UL (NRTL) listing. CE does not satisfy this requirement.

#### 2. Charging

- Never charge damaged or swollen batteries.
- Never charge batteries in residential or office areas.
- Chargers must operate with an integrated battery management system (BMS). NEVER use a trickle charger.
- If you notice your LiPo battery pack is swelling, stop the charging process immediately and contact EHS.
- Batteries must only be charged on surfaces that will not catch fire.
- Always use a LiPO-safe bag or Bat-Safe style box.
- Never leave a charging battery unattended.
- Never overcharge or completely discharge your batteries.

#### 3. Storage

- Do not store batteries in automobiles
- Store batteries in a LiPO safe bag or a Bat-Safe style box.

#### 4. Disposal

- ALL batteries must be disposed of through EHS.
- **NEVER place batteries in the trash.**
- **NEVER puncture a battery**

#### Thermal runaway is difficult to contain. Use sand or a Halon fire extinguisher.







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