



The Lab Rat NEWSLETTER



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Training

Training information found at:

ehso.emory.edu/training

Chemical Waste

Email chemwaste@emory.edu for chemical waste pick-ups or requests.

Include a [chemical waste disposal form](#) with all waste.

Radioactive Waste

Request radioactive waste pick-ups through EHS Assist.

Include a [radioactive waste disposal form](#) with all waste.

PPE

Choose from the following based on the potential exposures involved:

- **Eye**– Glasses, goggles & face shields
- **Gloves**– Appropriate for the type of procedure.
- **Clothing**– Gowns, lab coats, aprons, coveralls.
- **Respirators**– Appropriate for the type of procedure.

Eye Wash Testing

Eye wash stations should be tested **once per month**.

Certifications

The following require **annual** certification:

- Biosafety Cabinets
- Geiger Meters
- Chemical Fume Hoods

Summer Clothing and Lab Safety

The weather is warming up, and while shorts and sandals are great if you are spending time outside, it is important to be properly dressed when working in a laboratory.

Follow the required safety practices from the [Chemical Hygiene Plan](#) (<http://bit.ly/1OJLRmV>) to protect yourself from hazardous materials, falling objects and other lab hazards.

YES



Always wear shoes that completely cover and protect your feet.



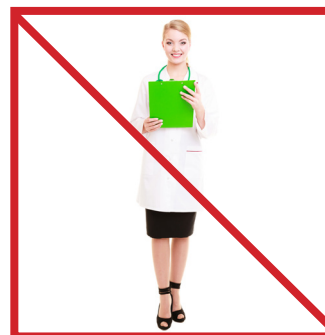
Always wear clothes that cover and protect your legs down to your ankles.

NO



Never wear:

- open-toed shoes,
- open-heeled shoes (sandals, flip flops, clogs),
- high-heeled shoes.



Never wear:

- shorts,
- skirts,
- other clothing that does not cover your legs below the lab coat.

Tip: On hot summer days, bring long pants and close-toed shoes to change into after arriving at the laboratory.

Avoid Technical Problems in ELMS

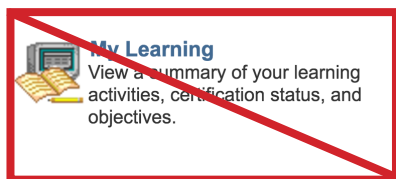
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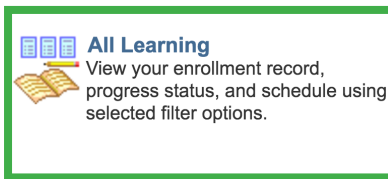
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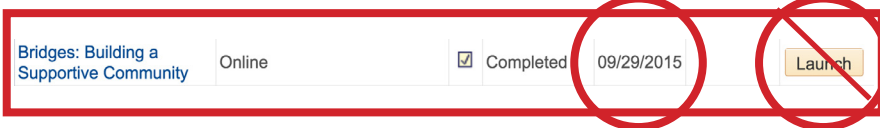
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Never click "My Learning."



Only click "All Learning."



Never launch a course that you completed in a previous year. Check the date before you click "Launch."

To avoid the most common time-consuming errors in ELMS, follow the [ELMS Course Completion Guide](#) with precision while taking each online course. The PDF guide can be located at the website bit.ly/ELMSGuide.

Fire Extinguishers

Visual inspections of your fire extinguishers should be conducted **monthly**, confirming the following:

- Is it present and mounted in its proper location? Is it readily accessible?
- Is the pin in place and is the gauge needle in the green?

After confirming these questions, **initial and date the attached tag**.

For **servicing**, contact Campus Services at 404-727-7463.

Building Liasons

Radiation and Research liasons can be found at the following:

ehso.emory.edu/about/

Feedback

Send comments to:

biosafe@emory.edu

We look forward to reading your ideas and comments!

About This Newsletter

- This newsletter is a tool to help fulfill a legal requirement for ongoing safety training.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that individuals in their area have read and understood the information that applies to their area.
- The signed newsletter should be placed into the PI's EHSO Lab Safety Binder.

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Remember to register your lab!
Visit our website for more details: ehso.emory.edu



SAFE Lab Spill Cleanup

EHSO's **Spill Response Team** is on-call, 24/7, to assist with safe spill cleanup and disposal. Call the new, dedicated **404-727-2888** right away for all mercury spills and spills you believe may cause harm or injury. See the *Emory Just-in-Time Guide* for additional spill information.

Signature Here

Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the information in this issue of Lab Rat Newsletter.

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