General Laboratory Safety Guidelines

1. No horseplay in any laboratory will be tolerated. Violation of this policy will result in dismissal from that lab.

2. No student may work in laboratories alone. The lab instructor or manager may grant exceptions on a case by case basis.

3. Appropriate eye protection will be worn at all times while in the laboratory.

4. Sandals, open-toed shoes, high heels or shoes with holes in the soles will not be worn in the lab. Shorts and skirts are not permitted.

5. Long hair and loose jewelry must be secured while in the lab.

6. Use of any tobacco product in the lab is prohibited.

7. All wastes generated during the course of an experiment must be disposed of according to the lab instructor’s directions.

8. No deviation from approved equipment operating procedures is permitted. Defeating safety devices or using equipment in a manner other than that which is intended will be grounds for dismissal from that lab.

9. Malfunction or breakdown of any equipment shall be reported to the lab instructor immediately at which time he or she will determine whether the experiment will proceed.

10. Exercise your common sense; it is your most valuable safety device.

These guidelines are designed to prevent accidents in the laboratory, and should be considered as general. Additional, specific measures may be added by your lab instructor prior to the start of each lab section.