

UT Physics GTA Training

Laboratory Safety



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General Hazards

- **Mechanical hazards**
 - **Furniture**
 - **Weights**
 - **Glass cuts**
- **Electrical hazards**
 - **AC frayed cords**
 - **High voltage sources**

General Hazards (cont.)

- Light hazards
 - Laser light
 - UV light sources
- Chemical hazards
 - Acid in eluate for minigenerator
- Fire and burn hazards
 - Light sources are hot; water baths are scalding
 - Current through a wire is hot.
 - Resistive heating produces hot water!

Laboratory Security

- Locking and unlocking labs
- Do not keep room 509 open during lab.
- No admission of students to closed labs
- Opening/closing windows
 - Effect of adverse weather on equipment
 - Unbalancing of temperature control
 - Windows do not close easily.
- Last man rule or transfer of responsibility
- Don't borrow equipment!!!!
- Report any strange occurrences, situations, or breaches of security

Special Considerations

- Report classes that have students with special needs
- Special problems can be addressed and we want to do so
- Be sensitive--be aware--think
- Anticipate and report forthcoming problems and needs

Basic Safety Issues

- Location of first aid kit
- Emergency reporting procedures: Dial 911
- Balance hazard with over-concern
- Right to know station outside Nielsen 404

Preparation for Emergency Situations

- Learn the location of emergency exits and the shortest routes to these locations
- Learn the location of emergency alarm activation stations.
- Learn the procedures for reporting emergencies -- Dial 911.
- Learn the sound of emergency alarm systems
- Learn the location of fire extinguishers.

Training

- Log in to your Canvas
- Go to Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) and click on Modules.
- Take General Lab Safety Training
- As you get into research, you will take other modules especially if you use chemicals or radioactive sources.