

Laboratory Safety

The Biology Department has adopted the following general safety guidelines for students enrolled in all laboratory classes.

- 1) Wear appropriate clothing. Sandals and shirts that leave the abdomen (stomach) area exposed are not allowed. **Open-toed footwear** is not allowed in the lab.
- 2) Place coats and backpacks in the storage area near the sink or under lab benches. Keep the aisles clear
- 3) Do not eat or drink anything at the lab benches.
- 4) Immediately inform the lab instructor of spills, injuries or any unsafe equipment.
- 5) Dispose of all glass waste, such as broken or chipped glass slides, in a special container labeled "**Glass only.**"
- 6) Before you leave the lab, make sure your lab area is clean. Discard of all dissection specimen waste in garbage can as instructed. **Do not put any body parts in sink or down the drain.** Rinse your dissection pans, dry, and return them to their storage shelf. Dissection instruments must be cleaned, dried, put pack in the case, and returned to the instructor or teaching assistant to be checked.
- 7) Wash your hands after any laboratory session. If your skin is exposed to any amount of chemical, immediately wash off the chemical with water for 15 minutes.
- 8) Store dissection specimens in the cooler. Use the spray bottles with Bio-Shield to keep specimens moist and reduce concentration of fumes in the lab.
- 9) Conduct all dissections with utmost care. Broken scalpel blades, needles, scissors or other sharps must be disposed of in the **red sharps** container.