

Personal Protective Equipment Policy

Personal protective equipment (PPE) is made readily available in the laboratories, and based on laboratory hazard assessments, are to be used by all faculty, students, and staff. Creighton University conducts required laboratory hazard assessments in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910. Subpart J, *Personal Protective Equipment* using the suggested standardized method in Appendix B to *Standard Performance Guidelines for Hazard Assessment and Personal Protective Equipment Selection for Laboratories*, are also to provide appropriate PPE for all visitors.

General laboratory hazard assessments are conducted annually by the Environmental Health and Safety Office (EHSO) and include a survey for each individual laboratory. Laboratory surveys include consideration of the following basic hazard categories:

- Chemical
- Heat / Flammability
- Particulates
- Impact
- Penetration
- Compression (roll-over)
- Light (optical) radiation

Laboratory hazard assessments include a walk through and evaluation of chemical, equipment, and process hazards present in each laboratory. Consideration of the chemical hazards present is performed through (1) an annual inventory of the chemicals in a given laboratory and (2) daily monitoring of all chemical orders and chemical stockroom deliveries to each laboratory. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) review of the chemicals present in each laboratory, conducted annually and at the time of chemical receipt, is thoroughly reviewed in the PPE analysis and selection process. Documentation and communication of the laboratory hazard assessments is achieved through identification of laboratory emergency contact signage posted at the entrance to each laboratory (See Appendix A for example signage).

Experiment specific laboratory hazard assessments for academic and/or research work are conducted as necessary by faculty and laboratory instructors or, by request, in collaboration with the EHSO. Experiment specific laboratory hazard assessments involve the chemistry faculty and laboratory instructors to increase or decrease the general laboratory hazard assessment PPE requirements based on experiment specific protocols and associated safety considerations. For all instructional laboratory experiment specific laboratory hazard assessments are to be documented, sent to the EHSO for record keeping, and clearly communicated to all experiment personnel. For research work for retention laboratories, deviations from the general laboratory hazard assessments are to be documented, sent to the EHSO for record keeping, and clearly communicated to all experiment personnel. Specific procedures being used should be documented and reviewed by the EHSO to ensure appropriate levels of PPE across the range of experimental procedures, as determined in the research setting.

Eye and Face Protection

Eye and face protection are to be worn by all persons whenever any one person is in a laboratory or is conducting an activity that involves potential eye and face hazards. Activities that present potential eye and face hazards include, but are not limited to, work involving the following:

- hazardous work
- flying particles
- hot solids, liquids, or molten metals
- milling, sawing, cutting, shaping, cutting, or stamping of any solid materials
- heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal
- gas or electric welding
- potentially injurious light radiation

All protective eyewear in the laboratory must meet the ANSI Z87.1-2003 standard. The below explanatory information and Appendix B (ANSI Z87.1-2003 Classification and Performance Chart) are intended to aid in identifying and selecting eye and face protection to match the hazard source.

Safety Glasses

Safety glasses provide eye protection from dust, debris, and particles associated with grinding, sawing, scaling, broken glass, minor chemical splashes, etc. Side protectors are required when there is a hazard from flying objects. Additional safety glasses meeting the ANSI Z87.1-2003 standard provide adequate splash protection; splash goggles are an approved alternative for additional eye protection from chemicals.

Regular prescription eyeglasses (with or without side shields) and contact lenses are not a substitution for safety glasses or splash goggles. Contact lenses should be worn with the appropriate risk in most laboratory environments. Use of contact lenses in the laboratory is only approved by the laboratory supervisor prior to commencing any activity involving a chemical or other hazard. Faculty and staff who wear prescription eyeglasses should obtain side shields when obtaining a pair of prescription safety glasses. Faculty and staff who are not wearing safety glasses through the College Prescription Safety Program should obtain safety glasses through the College Prescription Safety Program. Students, faculty, and staff who do not obtain prescription safety glasses are to wear safety glasses (for impact hazards) or safety goggles (for splash hazards) designed to go over their prescription glasses.

Splash Goggles

Splash goggles provide adequate eye protection from hazards including potential chemical splash, use of concentrated corrosive material, and bulk chemical transfer. Goggles are

available with clear or tinted lenses for protection against ultraviolet or non-vented with a charcoal, dark gray or black lens. Goggles are rated for use with chemicals. Be aware that goggles designed for wood working are not suitable for use with chemicals. Goggles can be identified by the numerous small holes throughout the face piece. In the event of a splash, the potential entry of chemicals into the small holes, causing an accidental exposure to the face.

Welder / Chipper Goggles

Welder goggles provide protection from flying sparks, metal spatter and chips against radiant energy. Lenses are impact resistant and are available in graduated lens shades depending on the nature of the work. Minimum protective shade numbers based on the type of welding operations can be found on the chart below.

Filter Lenses for Protection Against Radiant Energy

Welding Operations	Electrode Size (inches)	Arc Current (amps)	Minimum* Protective Shade
Shielded metal arc	< 3/32	< 60	7
	3/32 to 5/32	60 to 160	8
	4/32 to 1/4	160 to 250	10
	> 1/4	250 to 550	11
Gas metal arc and flux cored arc welding	< 60	< 60	7
	60 to 160	60 to 160	10
	160 to 250	160 to 250	10
	250 to 550	250 to 550	10
Gas Tungsten arc	50 to 150	50 to 150	8
	150 to 300	150 to 300	10
Air carbon arc cutting	(light)	< 500	10
	(heavy)	500 to 1000	11
Plasma arc cutting	< 20	< 20	8
	20 to 100	20 to 100	8
	100 to 400	100 to 400	10
Plasma arc cutting	(light)	< 300	11
	(medium)	300 to 400	11
	(heavy)	400 to 800	11
Torch brazing			5
Torch soldering			2
Carbon arc welding			14
Welding Operations	Plate thickness (inches)	Plate thickness (mm)	Minimum* Protective Shade
Gas welding (light)	< 1/8	< 3.2	5
Gas welding (medium)	1/8 to 1/4	3.2 to 12.7	5
Gas welding (heavy)	> 1/4	> 12.7	6
Oxygen cutting (light)	< 1	> 25	3
Oxygen cutting (medium)	1 to 6	25 to 150	4
Oxygen cutting (heavy)	> 6	> 150	5

* As a rule of thumb, start with a lighter shade that gives sufficient view of the weld zone without a job below the minimum. In oxyfuel gas welding or cutting where the torch produces a high yellow light, it is desirable to use a filter lens that absorbs the yellow as well as the visible light of the operation.

Face Shields

Face shields provide additional protection in addition to eye faces and face in combination with combination with safety glasses or splash goggles. Face shields consist of an adjustable headgear and a face shield with either tinted or clear lenses, or a mesh wire screen. Face shields should be used in operations when the entire face needs protection from flying particles, splashes, or cryogenics or chemical/biological splashes. Face shields are not a substitute for appropriate eyewear and should always be worn in combination with a primary top of protection such as safety glasses or goggles.

Welding Shields

Welding shields are used for additional protection from radiant light, flying sparks, metal splatter, and slag chips encountered during welding, brazing, soldering, resistance welding, bare or shielded electric arc welding, and oxyacetylene welding and cutting operations. Equipment fitted with appropriate lenses are to be used against light radiation. Tinted and shaded lenses are not filter lenses unless they are marked or clearly identified as such.

Laser Eye Protection

A single pair of safety glasses is not available for protection from laser outputs. The type of eye protection required for laser operations is dependent on the spectral frequency and wavelength of the laser sources. Consulting the following resources for additional information on PPE selection:

Hand Protection

Gloves are to be used when handling hazardous chemicals in the laboratories. Typically, the requirements of the general laboratory hazard assessment should be followed. However, additional requirements may be identified as outlined in the paragraph on experiment specific laboratory. Guidance on appropriate hand protection in instructional research settings can be found in the following resources. There is no one glove material that protects against all chemicals. It is important that the appropriate glove is used when handling chemicals. Permeation characteristics and other protection information can be found in chemical compatibility charts, MSDS, and protective equipment manufacturer resources to aid in the selection of the proper glove protection level based on the chemical being handled. (Note: See Appendix C for a university approved manufacturer chemical compatibility chart). In situations involving extremely hazardous chemicals, double gloves in combination with sleeve protectors and other chemical resistant PPE are recommended. The thin latex, vinyl, or nitrile gloves typically used for dexterity, are not appropriate for highly toxic materials. Gloves should always be inspected before use and replaced immediately if they are contaminated, set or torn. Gloves are to be removed before handling telephones.

door, elevators, and other areas where you also should not be leaving the laboratory, with an exception being made for persons actively transporting chemical / biological material between labs. Persons transporting chemicals should either have a second person available to open / close doors for them, or use secondary containment. Glove protection is not required during the transport of chemicals in a lab cart, bottle carrier, or clean secondary container.

Colgate practices Universal Precautions for glove disposal. In practical terms, this means that ALL gloves will be treated as if they are contaminated. If the disposal process there will be no penetration of contaminants. Universal Precautions is implemented with the use of receptacles that are leak proof, secure and odor proof. For glove disposal, the Universal Precaution glove disposal policy requires glove disposal, increases on disposal and prevents the contamination of containers. Gloves are not hazardous waste. For disposal, related to chemical contact, it should be noted that classroom research gloves contaminated with biological materials should be separated from gloves contaminated with chemical waste. Biological materials should either be disposed in a separate container or sent for disposal via the laboratory's bio waste service.

Protective Clothing

Lab coats and lab aprons prevent skin contact exposure to hazardous materials between the hazard and the laboratory user. Wash hands at extremities.

Lab Coats

Lab coats are to be used when handling hazardous chemicals in the laboratory. Typically, the requirements of the general laboratory hazard assessment should be followed. Deviations may be made as defined in the paragraph on experiment specific laboratory hazard assessments. EHSO can provide guidance on appropriate use of lab coats in research lab settings. Faculty, staff, and student lab coats are provided and maintained by the EHSO. Colgate University's lab coats have the following protective qualities:

- Flame resistant fabric
- High tensile strength thread material
- NFPA 70E, HRC 2 compliant
- Arc Rated to 9 cal/cm²
- Thermal and electrical arc hazard rated to ASTM 1506-02a standard
- Covered zipper span front for quick and safe garment removal
- Covered zipper span suits to prevent garment interference during chemical handling / experimentation work
- Light weight

- 42 inches in length for maximum skin exposure protection

Lab coats are made of a durable material and should be cleaned by a qualified commercial laundry service provider at the end of each semester and at the end of the summer session periods, or more often if you are in a high-contamination area. Additional cleanings will be coordinated by the FMSO as necessary. If the need arises, a lab coat becomes contaminated, or is damaged, or is not clean, schedule a regular cleaning. Contact the FMSO for more information and/or disposal of the garment.

Lab Apron

Plastic or rubber lab aprons provide additional protection from skin contact exposure to chemicals, especially when working with high hazards and corrosive liquids. Lab aprons do not protect the user's extremities and should be used as an additional layer of protection, not a substitute, for a lab coat.

CAUTION

**AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ONLY**

This room contains hazardous materials.

In the event of emergency
DIAL 911

From cell phones 315-228-7911.





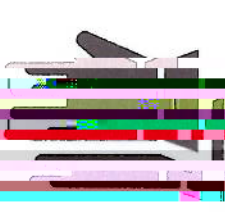


RESPONSIBLE PERSON: Dan Guay

EMERGENCY CONTACT: Dan Guay / Michael Haggerty

TELEPHONE: 315-867-8550 / 315-867-3591

LOCATION: McGregor Hall - Chemical Room #4

 No Food or Drink	 No Smoking	 Protection..	 Protection..	 Protection..
 Flammable	 Toxic			

Activity and Assessment	Priority Category and Styles	Limitations	Not Recommended	Protective Devices
IMPACT Chipping, grinding, machining, chiseling, work, hammering, and welding. Use of tools, equipment, or large objects. Use of pneumatic tools, etc.	<p>ANSI Z87.1-2003, Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</p>	<p>Protective devices do not provide protection from the impact of flying objects. Note: Certain types of protective devices may not be suitable for use in certain environments. Always use eye protection when working with tools, equipment, or large objects.</p>	<p>Protective devices that do not provide protection from the impact of flying objects. Finger or thumb rings that restrict light transmission, unless it is determined that the hazard is not a PPE hazard. Use of eye protection without proper fit and use.</p>	<p>Eye Shields Face Shields Safety Glasses Safety Goggles Welding Helmets Welding Masks Welding Shields Welding Curtains Welding Screens Welding Blankets Welding Aprons Welding Suits Welding Boots Welding Gloves Welding Socks Welding Undershirts Welding Overalls Welding Coveralls Welding Pants Welding Shorts Welding Socks Welding Shoes Welding Socks Welding Shoes</p>
HEAT Exposure to heat, steam, or molten metal. Use of tools, equipment, or large objects.	<p>ANSI Z87.1-2003, Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</p>	<p>Protective devices do not provide protection from heat. Note: Certain types of protective devices may not be suitable for use in certain environments. Always use eye protection when working with heat, steam, or molten metal.</p>	<p>Protective devices that do not provide protection from heat. Finger or thumb rings that restrict light transmission, unless it is determined that the hazard is not a PPE hazard. Use of eye protection without proper fit and use.</p>	<p>Eye Shields Face Shields Safety Glasses Safety Goggles Welding Helmets Welding Masks Welding Shields Welding Curtains Welding Screens Welding Blankets Welding Aprons Welding Suits Welding Boots Welding Gloves Welding Socks Welding Undershirts Welding Overalls Welding Pants Welding Shorts Welding Socks Welding Shoes Welding Socks Welding Shoes</p>
CHEMICAL Exposure to acids, alkalis, or other chemicals. Use of tools, equipment, or large objects.	<p>ANSI Z87.1-2003, Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</p>	<p>Protective devices do not provide protection from chemicals. Note: Certain types of protective devices may not be suitable for use in certain environments. Always use eye protection when working with acids, alkalis, or other chemicals.</p>	<p>Protective devices that do not provide protection from chemicals. Finger or thumb rings that restrict light transmission, unless it is determined that the hazard is not a PPE hazard. Use of eye protection without proper fit and use.</p>	<p>Eye Shields Face Shields Safety Glasses Safety Goggles Welding Helmets Welding Masks Welding Shields Welding Curtains Welding Screens Welding Blankets Welding Aprons Welding Suits Welding Boots Welding Gloves Welding Socks Welding Undershirts Welding Overalls Welding Pants Welding Shorts Welding Socks Welding Shoes Welding Socks Welding Shoes</p>
DUST Exposure to dust, dirt, or other particles. Use of tools, equipment, or large objects.	<p>ANSI Z87.1-2003, Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</p>	<p>Protective devices do not provide protection from dust. Note: Certain types of protective devices may not be suitable for use in certain environments. Always use eye protection when working with dust, dirt, or other particles.</p>	<p>Protective devices that do not provide protection from dust. Finger or thumb rings that restrict light transmission, unless it is determined that the hazard is not a PPE hazard. Use of eye protection without proper fit and use.</p>	<p>Eye Shields Face Shields Safety Glasses Safety Goggles Welding Helmets Welding Masks Welding Shields Welding Curtains Welding Screens Welding Blankets Welding Aprons Welding Suits Welding Boots Welding Gloves Welding Socks Welding Undershirts Welding Overalls Welding Pants Welding Shorts Welding Socks Welding Shoes Welding Socks Welding Shoes</p>
IONIZING RADIATION Exposure to ionizing radiation. Use of tools, equipment, or large objects.	<p>ANSI Z87.1-2003, Category 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.</p>	<p>Protective devices do not provide protection from ionizing radiation. Note: Certain types of protective devices may not be suitable for use in certain environments. Always use eye protection when working with ionizing radiation.</p>	<p>Protective devices that do not provide protection from ionizing radiation. Finger or thumb rings that restrict light transmission, unless it is determined that the hazard is not a PPE hazard. Use of eye protection without proper fit and use.</p>	<p>Eye Shields Face Shields Safety Glasses Safety Goggles Welding Helmets Welding Masks Welding Shields Welding Curtains Welding Screens Welding Blankets Welding Aprons Welding Suits Welding Boots Welding Gloves Welding Socks Welding Undershirts Welding Overalls Welding Pants Welding Shorts Welding Socks Welding Shoes Welding Socks Welding Shoes</p>

Selection Chart

Users should be taken to recognize the possibility of multiple and simultaneous exposure to a variety of hazards. Adequate protection requires the highest level of the hazards must be provided.

The illustrations shown are only representative of protective devices commonly available at this time. Protective devices do not need to be the same shown. Different must be maintained by the standard.

Protective Devices

ANSI Z87.1-2003 Occupational and Educational Personnel Eye Protection Devices Selection Chart

APPENDIX C

Ansell 8th Edition Glove Chemical Resistance Guide

Table with columns: Material ID, Material Name, and various hazard codes (e.g., E, F, G, P, NR, V, G, H, N, O, S, T, X, Y, Z).

was not run. However, this is a degradation product of the main material. This material is highly flammable. Do not use in the laboratory. This material is highly flammable. Do not use in the laboratory. This material is highly flammable. Do not use in the laboratory.