



EHS Bulletin

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Pedestrian Safety

With many distractions campus, it is extremely important to be alert and aware of your surroundings while walking to class.

Things to keep in mind:

- Assume the person operating the motor vehicle is not paying attention. Make eye contact and indicate your intention to cross.

- Cross the street at marked crosswalks or at intersections and observe traffic-control signals.
- Yield to motor vehicles and bicyclists when you are not in a crosswalk.
- Delay your response when lights turn green to guarantee it is safe to cross the intersection.
- While walking alongside a road without sidewalks, always walk facing traffic.
- Stay to the right on shared pathways and avoid walking in "bike only" lanes.
- Avoid using cell phones when crossing busy streets and stay engaged.



Proper Lab Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

There is a good chance that because of the blistering Oklahoma heat, you may opt for shorts and flip-flops over sneakers and jeans during the rush to your early Monday morning chemistry lab. While this is more comfortable, it is a poor decision regarding laboratory safety.

Q: What type of PPE should I always wear to lab? A: Safety glasses or goggles, long pants, closed-toe shoes, and t-shirts (tank tops are not acceptable)

Q: Do some labs require additional PPE?

A: Yes, always check with your professor or TA. You may need to wear a laboratory coat or gloves in some situations.

Q: What happens if I forget my PPE?

A: You will most likely be sent home to change, and may not be allowed to complete the lab.

Pro Tip: Keep scrubs and sneakers in your locker if you feel like you may forget to wear the appropriate PPE to lab.



Current Events

Bloodborne Pathogen Training

1st Monday of the month, 9-10 am or 2-3 pm

EHS Conference Room, 003UHS

Required annually for members under OSHA's standard.

Registration: Email name to chemicalsafety@okstate.edu

Respiratory Protection

1st Tuesday of the month, 8:30-9:30 am

FM North Building, Room 101c

Required annually for members who wear respiratory protection.

Registration: Email name to ohsp@okstate.edu

Fire Safety w/ Hands-on Extinguisher Training

2nd Friday of the month, 9:00-10:00 am

EHS Conference Room, 003UHS

Come join us for fire safety education featuring the BullsEye laser training device.

Registration: Email name to ohsp@okstate.edu

Monthly Employee Training

3rd Thursday of the month, 9:30-11:30 am

EHS Conference Room, 003UHS

Topics: Hazcom; Fire Safety; Slips, Trips, and Falls; Office Safety; and Back Safety

Registration: Email name to ohsp@okstate.edu

Does wearing PPE really matter?

In 2008, a UCLA student was conducting research in an organic chemistry lab with pyrophoric materials. She was not wearing a flame-resistant lab coat at the time, and died from severe burns when the chemical burst into flames and melted her sweater.

Safety Matters.