



# 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*

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:chemicalsafety@okstate.edu)

### *Respiratory Protection*

1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:ohsp@okstate.edu)

### *Fire Safety w/ Hands-on Extinguisher Training*

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:ohsp@okstate.edu)

### *Monthly Employee Training*

3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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.