Pedestrian Safety

With many distractions on 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 your 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 this 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.

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.