LABSAFETY AWARENESS WEEK Personal Protective Equipment

and General Lab Attire

Personal protective equipment (PPE) helps to minimize exposure to hazards that cause serious workplace injuries and illnesses.

These injuries and illnesses may result from contact with biological, chemical, radiological, electrical, mechanical, physical, or other workplace hazards.

- Basic protection for most labs includes lab coat, gloves, safety glasses, shoes, and proper shirts/pants.
- Closed-toed shoes are essential in a laboratory to protect yourself from chemical splashes or broken glass.
- Chemical splash goggles or face shields should be worn when there is a risk of splashing hazardous materials or flying particles.
- If respirators are to be used for protection against airborne contaminants, equipment listed and approved by NIOSH may be used if properly selected and fit-tested as part of a complete respiratory protection program.
- At 8-hours of continuous noise exposure at 85 dB, workers must be enrolled in the hearing conservation program and may require PPE.

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