An Effective TA

Do's and Don'ts for a safer lab environment

**DO**
- Check on students' progress throughout procedures
- Know where all safety equipment is located
- Ask and answer questions for students' understanding
- Explain safety procedures for hazardous steps
- Report all injuries, incidents, and near misses
- Enforce safety rules

**DON'T**
- Leave the lab unattended
- Allow entry for unenrolled students
- Let students eat/drink in lab
- Allow students into lab without long pants, closed heel/toe shoes, and proper personal protective equipment
- Forget that your students' safety is your responsibility

**Safety Through Vigilance**

**Recognize**
What chemicals and procedures (and students!) present the greatest hazards in the lab

**Assess**
Risks by how hazardous and likely to occur they may be

**Minimize**
The risk of hazardous procedures by monitoring students

**Prepare**
For emergencies by anticipating the most likely events and knowing how to respond quickly and safely

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