

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

R Recognize

what chemicals and procedures (and students!) present the greatest hazards in the lab

A Assess

risks by how hazardous and likely to occur they may be

M Minimize

the risk of hazardous procedures by monitoring students

P Prepare

for emergencies by anticipating the most likely events and knowing how to respond quickly and safely.