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PROPER ATTIRE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN LABORATORIES

1. All employees, faculty, students, and visitors must wear appropriate attire in all laboratory areas to eliminate or minimize contact with chemicals, biological hazards, and other hazards.
 - 1.1. Shorts, miniskirts, or any apparel that does not cover the skin above the knee when seated should NOT be worn in the laboratory without appropriate over protection (e.g. a buttoned laboratory coat or closed front gown).
 - 1.2. Open toed shoes, sandals, or shoes made of loosely woven material should not be worn in the laboratory.
 - 1.3. Loose clothing and jewelry that can be caught in equipment or dipped into hazardous solutions should not be worn in the laboratory.
2. Gloves should be worn whenever there is a potential exposure of the hands. The gloves should have the necessary resistance to the chemical or hazardous material being used. Liquid barrier gloves should be used when handling biological agents or potentially infectious materials. See the guidelines for [personal protective equipment](#) for more information.
3. Eye protection should be worn during any task where there is potential exposure of the eyes via splashing of material or generation of flying objects. Eye protection may be required for laboratory entry at the discretion of the investigator or department.
4. Specialized protective clothing shall be worn when using materials that are extremely hazardous upon contact. EH&S should be consulted. See the guidelines for [personal protective equipment](#) for more information.
5. Gloves and all other personal protective equipment must never be worn outside of laboratory areas and are forbidden in public corridors, elevators, stairwells, and break rooms.
6. Gloves should be removed prior to use of the telephone, keyboard, equipment controls or doors, if these surfaces are considered "clean" or common.