Astronomy Safety Rules and Information

Health and safety are paramount values in Austin Community College (ACC) science courses. In this course you are expected to: (1) understand and comply with environmental, health and safety regulations and procedures, and (2) conduct yourself professionally. Anyone who thoughtlessly or intentionally jeopardizes the health or safety of another individual will be dismissed from the activity and may be withdrawn from this class or subject to disciplinary proceedings. You will receive specific safety training before most activities. If you are late and miss this training, you will not be able to participate in the activity. You can read the complete ACC science safety policy at: http://www.austincc.edu/sci_safe/.

**Emergencies**
- **Any Emergency** - call ACC Police Dispatch from an ACC Phone at 222, or from a mobile or other phone at 223-7999, as soon as possible. Tell the dispatcher that you are at the __________ Campus in Room____________.
  Location of nearest ACC phone:
- **Fire** - pull the nearest fire alarm located: ________________________________
- **Evacuation** - if evacuation is necessary, go to the designated rally point away from this building and report to your professor.
  Directions to nearest exit: __________________________________________
  Location of rally point: __________________________________________

**Field Activities**
- Although field activities in this course were chosen with safety in mind, work outdoors carries some risk. In these activities you are responsible for your own safety, and your actions can affect others around you.
- If you are concerned about safety in performing a task, express those concerns to your professor. Do not put yourself or others at risk.
- Your professor may recognize a hazardous situation before you do. Because of this, if your professor tells you to take a specific action, or to stop one, do so first, and question it later.
- Prevention is important - you must come to each field activity prepared with:
  - Attitudes and behaviors conducive to safe field practices
  - Appropriate clothing and closed toe/closed heel footwear
  - Food and water sufficient for your needs
  - Medications for any illnesses or medical conditions that you have
- Your professor will inform you of potential hazards before and during each field activity. You must ask questions if you do not completely understand the information about potential hazards.

**Disease**
- Blood-borne diseases, such as HIV and hepatitis, can be transmitted from person to person through contact with human blood and other body fluids.
- Follow these Universal Precautions whenever exposure to human body fluids is possible:
  - Consider all body fluids (such as saliva or blood) as potentially infected.
  - Do not touch or come into contact with anyone else's body fluids.