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or intentionally jeopardizes the health or safety of another individual will be dismissed from the activity and may be withdrawn from this class or subject to disciplinary proceedings.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 may receive specific safety training before some 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: ________________________________

Safety Equipment and Information

- **Chemicals** – information about chemicals used in this course are on Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) located: ________________________________

- **Fire extinguisher** locations: (1) ________________________________  
  (2) ________________________________

  To use a fire extinguisher: first rotate, then pull the pin in the handle and squeeze the handle while pointing the nozzle at the base of the flame.

- **Eyewash** – if a chemical is splashed or rubbed into your eyes you must use an eyewash for at least 20 minutes with your eyes held open. Someone will help you with this.
  Eyewash location: ________________________________

Classroom Conduct

- Ask the professor or a laboratory technician how to dispose of excess chemicals or broken glass.
- Close lids on containers of chemicals immediately after use.
- Follow all procedures in handouts, and instructions given by the professor or laboratory technician.
- Always assume that chemicals may be corrosive or irritating. If chemicals come in contact with your skin, wash the affected area immediately.
• Immediately inform the professor or laboratory technician if a chemical label is damaged in any way, or if you encounter an unlabeled container of liquid or powder.
• Clean up your work area before leaving.
• DO NOT:
  o Touch bottles or containers of chemicals unless instructed to do so.
  o Bring drinks or food (even in closed containers) into the room when chemicals are being used.
  o Put excess chemicals back into original containers.
  o Dispose of broken glass in the trash.

**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:
  o Consider all body fluids (such as saliva or blood) as potentially infected.
  o Do not touch or come into contact with anyone else's body fluids.