

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

- Before beginning the work it is necessary that you are informed about the specific risks and the correct procedures of works provided by the Responsible of Didactic and Research Activity in the Lab (RDRL). At this regard, the necessary safety information will be attested by RDRL using specific format shown in the web site 'sicurezza' of D3A Department.
- You are not allowed in laboratories without RDRL permission. Do not leave a laboratory experiment unattended without first consulting your supervisor.
- Do not work outside normal working hours (from 7:30 a.m. to 19:30 p.m), if not in exceptional cases according to RDRL indication.
- Do not smoke.
- Do not eat food, drink beverages in the lab. Do not use lab glassware as containers for food or beverages.
- Be aware of the location of the first aid boxes and eye wash points.
- Do not operate any machinery or equipment when you are in an unsafe condition. Machinery and equipment, including vehicles, are only operated by qualified people that are adequately trained in the use of the equipment and that are authorized to operate it.
- Inform the RDRL for any broken electrical cord, cracked plug, missing outlet covers, etc., as well as any problem encountered while using electrical equipment.
- Use the suitable personal protective equipment (PPE) provided from RDRL.
- Many operations, which are normally carried out in the laboratories, are potentially dangerous. The greatest care should be taken at all times to ensure your safety and that of others in the laboratory.
- Follow carefully the procedure given in the Schedule or Instruction sheets. You should not carry out experiments or make innovations without the approval of your supervisor. Ask if you do not fully understand the instructions.
- Clearly label all vessels which contain chemicals as follows: the name of the chemical; your name; date; hazard, explosive, toxic, flammable, corrosive, oxidizing, radioactive or harmful.
- Solutions should not be pipetted by mouth, use a pipette filler.
- Experiments involving the use of, or production of, obnoxious or toxic chemicals, or any hazardous operation must be performed in a fume cupboard.
- The fume cupboards or a safety screen should be used with apparatus under vacuum or pressure.
- In case of spillage of chemicals immediately, seek technical help if necessary.
- Always wash your hands both before and after going to the toilet if you have previously worked in a laboratory.
- Dispose of all chemical wastes properly. Never mix chemicals in sink drains. Sinks are to be used only for water. Check with your supervisor for disposal of chemicals and solutions.
- Waste material should be placed in the provided bins. Use the suitable bins as indicated from RDRL.
- Keep your work area safe, efficient and pleasant by keeping it clean and orderly.

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