**General Chemistry Laboratory Safety Policies:**

The chemistry laboratory can be a dangerous environment and safety precautions must be observed at all times. Even if an experiment seems completely harmless, you must remember to expect the unexpected. Therefore, it is mandatory that you follow these rules at all times.

**A. Personal Safety:**

1. **Eating, drinking, and smoking are forbidden in the lab.** Do not bring food or drink in any form into the lab.

2. **Goggles must be worn, covering your eyes completely, at all times.** As soon as you arrive in lab, you must put on your goggles. If you need to remove them, you should leave the laboratory first. The only goggles that will be acceptable in the lab are those that are issued to you during your first class. If you do not have your goggles on, you will be asked to leave the lab, and you will receive a zero for that lab. Refusing to wear your goggles will result in a failing grade.

3. Contact lenses may not be worn in lab. If you use contact lenses and cannot use glasses in lab you may be forced to drop the course. Please see the Laboratory Coordinator, Mitchell Bruce, 277 Aubert Hall, if you have any further questions.

4. Disposable gloves are available, and should be worn whenever handling hazardous chemicals, but they must be removed before you leave the lab. We do not want to spread chemicals about the building. After lab, be sure to wash your hands thoroughly, and never touch your eyes or face until you are sure that your hands are clean.

5. Do not wear good clothes to lab. Sandals and open-toed shoes must not be worn. Long hair must be pulled back.
6. If you are pregnant or become pregnant during the semester, this may limit your ability to perform experiments in the laboratory; please immediately discuss this matter with the laboratory coordinator. If you are suffering from any illness or are taking medication please inform your instructor. This information could be important in case of an emergency. In addition, if you develop any medical condition, which might limit your ability to perform experiments in the laboratory, please immediately inform the laboratory coordinator.