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Is your laboratory a culprit of these mistakes?

Many of you have been present in the labs during our departmental building walk throughs. These walk through inspections are intended to be brief, informal and unobtrusive. Our department relies on collected observations to identify trends and hot spots for safety violations and procedural errors which compromise the safety of the laboratorians and our research community. Below are the top five problems noted in 2017. Is your lab guilty of one of these?

- #1 Disposable glove re-use or undisposed used gloves on bench tops
- #2 No soap and/or paper towels at sink used for handwashing
- #3 Laboratory door(s) open to public corridor
- #4 Absence of, outdated, or incorrect door signage
- #5 BSC vacuum trap flask not emptied

Start 2018 off right and check the status of these items in your laboratory. A safe laboratory is a happy laboratory!



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Biosafety Reminder:



University of Kentucky Environmental Health and Safety policy stipulates that doors to laboratories with biological, chemical or radioactive materials in storage or use <u>must remain closed</u>, <u>and when unoccupied</u>, <u>locked</u>.

If your laboratory is too hot when the door is closed, this is a facility issue that must be addressed by contacting UK's Physical Plant Division (PPD).

Biosafety Buzz

The **General Biological Safety** and **Viral Vector** online training modules have been updated with more engaging and interactive content. These modules may be accessed at: http://ehs.uky.edu/classes

TOPAZ has been updated! For those utilizing the online TOPAZ system for registration or amendment of protocols with the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC), the system has undergone a number of changes to make your experience easier to load and navigate. The form has undergone multiple changes to reduce redundancy in the information requested. (https://topaz.uky.edu)



The Dept. of Biological Safety would like to thank the following labs for setting a shining example of lab housekeeping and maintenance.

Dutch, R (BBSRB)

Well done!

WEBB, B. (Ag north)

Nixon K. (TODD)

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Medical Infographics

Click on the image to navigate directly to a collection of very cool infographics related to medicine and microbiology. Links to full size images are even provided if you'd like to print any of these!

Link: https://imgur.com/a/
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