



With the return of warmer weather and summer approaching, the UK Department of Biological Safety would like to issue the following friendly reminders:



- ◆ Please remember to add new personnel, including summer interns and students, to your IBC registrations (<http://topaz.uky.edu>).
- ◆ Please be advised that all high school volunteers must be approved by UK Environmental Health and Safety (http://ehs.uky.edu/ohs/minors_0001.php).
- ◆ Minors under the age of 14 are NOT PERMITTED inside of any research laboratory, greenhouse, or animal facility at the University of Kentucky unless it is for UK sponsored programs which are designed for youth under the age of 14 and which have documented training and safety policies.
- ◆ As always, good laboratory practices include wearing full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) when working in the lab. REMEMBER:



NO PANTS
NO SHOES
NO SCIENCE

Biosafety Reminder:

The CDC BMBL (5th ed.) states that chairs used in laboratory work must be covered with a non-porous material that can be easily cleaned and decontaminated with appropriate disinfectant.



Researchers are sometimes surprised when they find out they cannot use their normal desk chair at the BSC or bench. We understand that budgetary restrictions can be prohibitive of buying all new, non porous chairs so the following tips can help defray some of the costs associated with replacing cloth covered chairs.

- ♦ Check out UK Surplus. The surplus warehouse is open on Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00pm (except on auction days). They may have suitable chairs available. Visit <https://sharepoint.uky.edu/facilities/surplus/default.aspx> for more information.
- ♦ The cloth surfaces may be covered by a non-porous material. For an example of this, please visit <http://biologyze.com/2012/09/20/and-that-about-covers-it/>
- ♦ Some disposable chair covers are available through various online vendors. However, be warned that these may not fit your chair and can easily rip. Over time, this solution may not be cost effective.



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As part of the Division of Environmental Health & Safety, the Department of Biological Safety is responsible for programs concerning the safe use of recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids, infectious agents, and potentially infectious materials such as human sourced materials in the research and teaching laboratories at the University of Kentucky. This includes training, auditing, and consulting with researchers, laboratory personnel and teaching staff concerning compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations in these areas.

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