Safety Information for Students Attending SET

You will be participating in science activities at the University of Alberta. Please observe the general aspects of safety (below). On the day of the conference, your Activity Leaders will bring specific safety requirements or cautions to your attention before you begin an activity.

Each department has provided safeguards wherever possible against most hazards, but ultimately it is your responsibility to be careful. Carelessness on your part can result in serious injury and/or illness in yourself, others in the room and may result in damage to equipment. If you are unsure of any procedures, use of equipment, necessity of protective eyewear or gloves, please ask the Activity Leader.

1. Listen and follow the directions given by the Activity Leader. Do not touch any equipment or chemicals until directed to do so by the Activity Leader.
2. **Wear long pants (or skirt), a long sleeve shirt and closed toe shoes.**
3. **Do not wear excessively loose clothing or jewelry.**
4. **Tie back long hair.**
5. **Wear eyeglasses instead of contact lenses, if required.**
6. Inform your Activity Leader of any allergies you have (such as an allergy to iodine, penicillin, or latex gloves). Other options to latex are available.
7. Never eat, drink, or apply cosmetics in a laboratory. This can increase your risk of ingesting hazardous chemicals or microorganisms. While working, avoid touching your face with your hands, and do not put your hands, pencils etc. in your mouth.
8. Wash your hands after working in a laboratory even if you have been wearing gloves.
9. In case of contact with a chemical, immediately flush that area with lots of water and report IMMEDIATELY to the Activity Leader.
10. Avoid inhaling gases or vapors and do not sniff chemicals
11. Wear suitable protective gloves or safety glasses when advised by the Activity Leader.
12. Report all spills and accidents to your Activity Leader, no matter how small they may seem. NEVER attempt to clean up a spill yourself.
13. Know where the nearest fire exit is and evacuate the building if the fire alarm sounds. The fire alarm gives a “ding, ding, ding” sound for 5 minutes, and then switches to a whooping noise.
14. Do not store personal items on the lab bench as you may contaminate or spill chemicals on them.
15. Follow instructions for disposing cell cultures, broken glass, chemical reagents, etc. Improper disposal of these items could harm the person who handles the waste and may contaminate the environment.

**Please Note:** If you need to leave the SET Conference area, University policy requires that you first sign out of the Conference at the SET Registration Desk on the main floor of CAB (Central Academic Building) by the Booster Juice.