

NSU's Laboratory Rules, Postings and Signage

The main entrance to each laboratory in which chemical, biological or radiological materials are used or stored must be posted with the following:

- Names and phone numbers of the lab supervisor and other responsible parties to be contacted in the event of a fire, accident or spill.
- Special hazards that may be encountered in the laboratory (e.g. laser in use, cylinders, biohazardous material, radioactive material, etc.)
- Safety instructions for persons entering the laboratory such as: required protective equipment, access restrictions, etc.
- Prohibitions (e.g., No Food or Drink Allowed).
- National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 704 diamond (supplied by EH&S upon request once chemical inventory is submitted).

The interior of the laboratory must be posted with the following:

- Emergency Action Plans near the exit.
- Hazardous Waste Accumulation Area sign marking location where unwanted laboratory materials will be accumulated for collection by EH&S.
- Signs identifying location of safety equipment (e.g., fire extinguisher, safety shower, eyewash fountain, etc.).
- Signs, labels and/or warning/caution tape identifying designated use and storage areas for materials or equipment requiring special procedures.

Laboratory rules:

- EATING and DRINKING, PROHIBITED in the laboratory and in the laboratory space of a combined office/laboratory room.
- Long hair must be tied back during laboratory work.
- Open toed shoes are prohibited.
- No sleeveless tops or shorts are permitted.
- Legs and midribs must be covered with protective clothing while working in the laboratory.
- Eye Protection must be worn upon entering into lab.
- Lab coats are required.
- Lab benches/countertops must be clear of all items that are not necessary for the lab exercise/procedure.
- Lab decorations (e.g., pictures, stickers) should not in general be placed anywhere in the laboratory setting.

All required signage and postings are available from EH&S upon request.
