Lab safety starts with a safe attitude.

Identifying, getting familiar via training,   
keeping and maintaining engineering control   
equipment is critical in protecting and saving   
lives and health, especially in emergency situations.

* Examples include: fume hoods, biological safety cabinets, glove boxes,   
  secondary containment for tanks and containers, neutralization systems   
  for wastewater discharges, air cleaning systems, and others.
* Engineering controls are our first line of defense and protection. When the   
  hazard assessment process indicates a potential impact, an evaluation to   
  implement engineering controls to prevent or reduce workplace exposures or   
  minimize compliance issues is conducted.
* Check if appropriate engineering control equipment and supplies are maintained,   
  serviced and in good condition periodically. Before using a fume hood check to be   
  sure the survey sticker is up to date.
* If your fume hood or your other equipment monitor alarm sounds or you feel that the exhaust ventilation is not working correctly, take immediate action. Contact your EHS   
  team and facilities. Do NOT mute and continue working!
* Having a regular training and maintenance program of engineering control   
  equipment is imperative. Do not use broken or damaged equipment –   
  notify and schedule its service immediately.



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