**Good lab housekeeping reduces   
the number of accidents, minimize risks   
& consequences of slips, trips, falls,   
unplanned reactions and fire.**

**Space is always at a premium. Don’t be a hoarder!**

* Reducing clutter provides more space for critical research materials, making it safer to move around the lab without   
  tripping or potential chemical/biological exposure.
* Limiting or reducing flammable materials like paper or cardboard reduces the risk of fire.
* Never block emergency exits, fire extinguishers, safety showers, eyewashes, or electrical panels.
* Consider scheduling frequent lab clean-out days (at least quarterly). Inspections help keep the lab space clean and pristine. Establishing an internal inspections program improves the lab safety culture.
* Periodically thaw freezers.
* Make arrangements to service, maintain or remove broken equipment.

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