Safety Dress Code and Consequences

First and foremost in the organic lab is your safety and the safety of your fellow students, your TA and anyone else that comes into the lab. We will be dealing with organic solvents, concentrated strong acids and reagents that can be very harmful and irritating to the skin and eyes. In the research lab, in fact, we deal with chemicals that can be extremely toxic and/or carcinogenic by inhalation, ingestion, or worse yet, absorbed through the skin. To combat the seriousness of these substances, we must come to lab dressed properly. At all times while in the lab you are required to wear the following:

1. Safety goggles/glasses (ANSI certified), which can be purchased at the Textbook Annex, Ace Hardware (Rocky's) or over the internet. The ones you used in general chemistry lab are fine if you still have them.
2. Long pants (no shorts, skirts, etc.). Anything that covers at least ¾ of the length of the legs is fine.
3. A t-shirt (short or long sleeve is fine) or its equivalent. This means no tank tops, spaghetti strap, "off-the-shoulder", and low-cut or high-rise shirts.
4. Closed-toe shoes with a back (no clogs). Sneakers are best, but anything that completely covers the foot is fine.

We are not asking you to forego your fashion sense! We just want you to be safe in the lab. Remember, chemicals on your clothes and having to change is much preferred to having to strip down and use the safety shower!

Consequences

First Offense: You will be asked to leave to change then return within 30 min. If you cannot return in a timely fashion, you will make-up the lab during a week in which there are no labs (see Schedule of experiments).

Second Offense: Same as the first offense, but you will be deducted 10% from the lab report.

Third Offense and On: If you were able to return to the lab after changing the previous 2 times, you will make-up the lab in the no-lab weeks. Otherwise you will receive a zero for the lab. We do not have the time in the schedule to offer more make-ups.

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