

Hopkins Lab Compliance Cheat Sheet

While not inclusive, the following items are lab violations commonly found by the Monterey County Health Department on up on main campus by the Santa Clara County Health Department.
Questions? Call Chris, x216.

Hazardous Waste Disposal

Waste must be less than six months old. Look in those hidden corners. One waste location per lab helps keep this one down. Also look for incompatible storage and containment. No open bottles of anything hazardous. Check to see there is a completely filled out haz waste tag BEFORE anything goes in the bottle.

Labeling

ALL materials and solutions must be labeled, even solutions you make up and store on your bench, even distilled water. There is no way of knowing what it is if there is no label.

Chemical Storage

Follow the chemical storage guides. There have been some really nasty combinations of incompatible materials stored together. All hazardous materials should be in 2nd containment. The container must be able to hold the material with a tight fitted lid.

Leaks into 2nd containment

Even leaking oil from a vacuum pump must be cleaned up. A leak into 2nd containment turns it immediately into primary containment and you are now lacking 2nd.

Rags & Towels used to clean up materials

If there is hazardous material on it, it needs to be contained properly. Labeled properly and removed to waste properly.

Restraints for Gas Cylinders'

Upright only and double chained at 1/3 and 2/3.

Refrigerators and Freezers

Hazardous materials must be in 2nd containment, even on the doors. Watch for incompatibles stored together.

Ethidium Bromide

Treat it as if it were radioactive. 2nd containment, catch spills with UV lamp, and dispose of properly.

Fluorescent & UV Lamps

Must be collected as waste [Mercury inside]. Also watch to be sure you are not being exposed to UV lamp when on. Use proper safety glasses and shields.

Used Batteries

Bring to the battery waste box outside Loeb 24. NEVER store in lab.

Eyewashes & Safety Showers

Never block an eyewash or safety shower with anything. Must be kept clear for use and testing.