

Department/Building Safety Policies

Goggles

Goggles appropriate to the task being conducted are required in all academic and research laboratories in the building. Appropriate goggles for the most common tasks are defined below and are supported by OSHA/WISHA/L&I regulations and policy currently in use at University of Washington and Eastern Washington University.

Task	Concern	Appropriate Goggle/Glasses
Work with aqueous solutions that are not corrosive or toxic, are known to be not harmful to the eyes, and do not have strong fumes	Splash in eyes, impact, unknown hazards	Any type of federally approved goggles or safety glasses, face seal not required
Work with liquids that are toxic or corrosive, without strong fumes, or whose hazards in this regard are unknown	Splash in eyes, impact	Indirect Vent Goggle or Glasses with face seal
Work with liquids that are toxic or corrosive, have strong fumes, or whose hazards in this regard are unknown	Fume exposure, splash in eyes, impact	Non-vented goggles with face seal only
Work with UV light	UV blindness	UV protective goggles, glasses, or face shield
Work with flying solid particles (such as while hammering or sawing)	impact	Impact protective glasses, seal not required

The Committee agreed that indirect vent goggles with a face seal would be the most practical goggle to be required for purchase and use in academic laboratories.

Clothing

In instructional labs, clothing providing coverage equivalent to that provided by an official Chemistry Department lab coat is strongly recommended. In addition, no shorts or skirts are allowed.

In research labs, coverage of exposed skin by protective clothing such as long sleeves and jeans or slacks is strongly recommended and clothing that is not protective of exposed skin, such as skirts or shorts, is strongly discouraged.

At the time these recommendations are presented, the individuals should also be notified that there might be possible hazards associated with choosing to act contrary to the recommendation.

Footwear

Close-toed shoes are required and sandals are prohibited in all laboratories in the building.

Other

Long hair should be tied back while in the laboratory.