Chemical Safety and Security Officer Training

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Lab Assessment Exercise

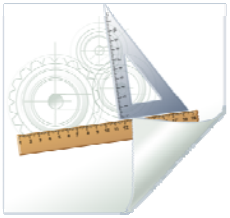
Part 1: Lab Layout and Safety Controls

Chemical SAFETY AND SECURITY TRAINING

Principles and Concepts of Laboratory Design

Purpose of Laboratory Design

Protect the Workers
Enable the Work
Secure the Facility
Protect the Environment
Comply with Regulations



Objectives of Laboratory Design

- Provide a safe/secure workplace
- Facilitate workplace activities
- Efficient
- Cost Effective

Barriers to Good Lab Design

Cost

Poor Communication

Lack of Scientific Knowledge

Complicated Project

Trade-offs

Personalities

Maintenance

Good Laboratory Design

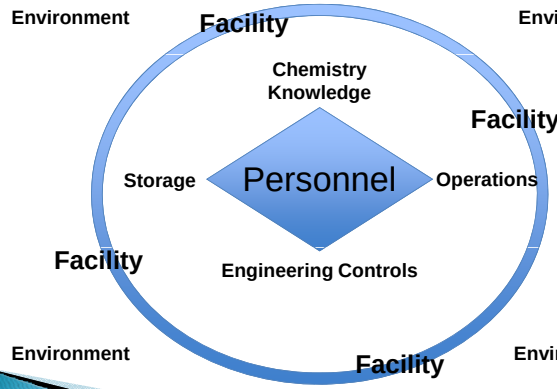
Based on:

Containment

Maximize Containment ⟷ Minimize Contamination

Redundancy is the Key

Chemical Containment Concept



Chemical Protection Depends on:

1

Chemistry Knowledge

Workers must have knowledge and understanding

2

Containment

Safe/Secure Storage

Proper Work Practices

Good Engineering Controls

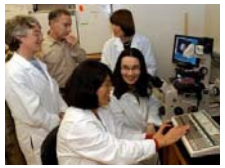
Chemical Protection, cont'd:

3

Construction

How well the facility is built

Key Stakeholders



Architects

Engineers

Administrators

Builders

EHS Professionals

Laboratory Users

Laboratory Design

is an Iterative Process

Design Phases

Definition
(problems and needs)
↕ (iterative process)
Interpretation
(of requirements into design criteria)
↕ (iterative process)
Design
(translates specifications into pragmatic reality)
↕
Construction
(to accomplish goal)

Major US Standards & Guidelines

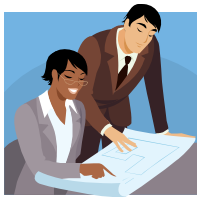
- **ANSI Z9.5**
  - **American National Standards Institute, Z 9.5 Laboratory Ventilation Standard**
- **NFPA**
  - **National Fire Protection Association**
- **BOCA**
  - **Building Officials Code Association**
- **ASHRAE 110**
  - **American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, Standard 110 for Testing and Evaluating Laboratory Hoods**
- **Others**
  - **National Electrical Code**
  - **American Chemical Society, Green Chemistry Institute**
    - **www.acs.org/greenchemistry**

Architectural Features Include:

- **Layout of buildings and laboratories**
- **Space requirements**
- **Spatial arrangement of equipment and benches**
- **Emergency egress**
- **Storage requirements**
- **Waste requirements**
- **Access controls**
- **Security features**

Lab Design Components

- Spatial
  - Floor plan
  - Location of rooms and equipment
  - Traffic flow of people and equipment
  - Access control
- Mechanical
  - Ventilation
  - Utilities
  - Effluent control
  - Control and monitoring
- Safety and Security



Factors in Laboratory Design

- **Architectural**
- **HVAC***
- **Safety and Security**
  - **Fire**
  - **Emergencies**
  - **Exposures**
  - **Access/exit control (facility, chemicals, equipment)**

(* heating, ventilation, and air conditioning)

General Information Needed

- **Number of occupants and their technical qualifications**
- **Space and storage requirements**
- **Utilities needed**
- **Equipment needs**
- **Time/duration of occupancy**
- **Anticipated changes in research/programs**
- **Sustainability (environmental, green initiatives)**
- **Security needs**

Safety/Security Information Needed for Lab Design

Type of Work/Research

Type of Hazards

Type of Wastes

Chemical

Biological

Radiation

High Voltage

Safety/Security Information Needed for Lab Design, cont'd.

Types of Chemicals
(based on physical state and properties)

Flammable

Corrosive (acid or base)

Reactive

Acutely Toxic (poisons)

Regulated

Chronically Toxic (e.g.,carcinogens, repro-toxins)

Chemicals of security concern

Controlled Drugs

Wastes

Examples of Lab Design Considerations

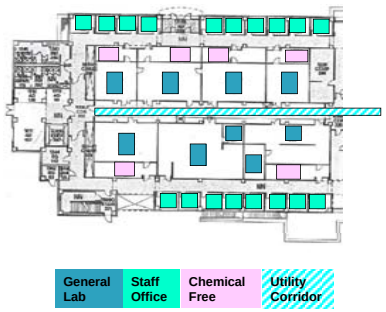
- Sample preparation and storage area
- Segregate sample digestion using acid-specialized laboratory hoods
- Segregate solvent extraction to reduce vapor contamination
- Proper eyewash placement
- Adequate egress
- Waste storage area
- Gas bottle storage

Building Layout: Divide into Zones

- Zones or control areas may have different:
  - Types and degree of hazards
  - Amounts of hazardous chemicals
- Allows better control over:
  - Personnel access
  - Hazards using
    - Equipment
    - PPE
    - Administrative procedures
- Examples: Fire safety zones, HVAC zones, Building floors

Building Layout: Corridors

- Best practice is to separate movement of:
  - General population
  - Laboratory personnel
  - Chemicals and laboratory materials.
- Internal "service corridors" between labs
  - Allow transport of chemicals away from public
  - Provide access to utilities and other support equipment
  - Provide additional lab exits with emergency doors to main corridors



Building Layout: Entrance/Exit Doors

- Good safety: two or more exits from each lab/room/building
- Good security: control who can enter a lab/room/building
- Emergency exit doors:
  - Lack handles, or are locked on outside
  - Have "panic bar" on inside
  - May set off alarm when opened

Building Layout: Chemical Stockrooms

- Multiple, specialized stockrooms rather than one central storeroom
  - Chemicals dispensed across counter
  - Access restricted to stockroom personnel
  - Locked when unattended

- Teaching stockroom
  - High traffic
  - Only keep ~1 week supply of chemicals needed for student experiments
- Central Stockroom
  - Wide variety of chemicals and materials
  - Additional controls and containment for regulated, attractive, or dual-use chemicals
- Chemicals stored in compatible groups

Building Layout: Compressed Gases

- Install tanks outside building and pipe into lab
  - Long-term, frequent use of same gas
  - Highly hazardous gases
  - Restrict access
  - Out-building or outdoors, depending on conditions

Building Layout: Compressed Gases

- Tanks inside labs
  - Wide variety of gases
  - Low use rates
  - Strap to wall or bench
  - Transport safely

Building Layout: Chemical Waste

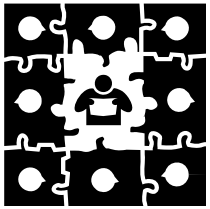
- Large volumes of chemical waste should be stored in areas with fewer people
  - Access restricted to responsible personnel
  - Locked when unattended
  - Divided into chemically compatible groups
  - Provide safety equipment and alarms

Building Layout: Chemical Waste

- Waste collection area in teaching/research labs:
  - Convenient student use
  - Emptied/moved frequently
  - Divided into chemically compatible groups
  - Provide safety equipment

Modular Laboratory Design

- Uses standard size and layout of benches, equipment and utility connections
- Customize layout for specific applications
- Allows for:
  - Cheaper lab design
  - Easier lab modifications
  - Easier lab renovations



Open vs. Closed Laboratories

Open Laboratory

Closed Laboratory

Open vs. Closed Laboratories

Consider using both or having connected access:

Open laboratories

- Support team work
- Facilitates communication
- Shared:
  - Equipment
  - Bench space
  - Support staff
- Adaptable and flexible
- Easier to monitor
- Cheaper to design, build and operate
- The trend since mid 90's

Closed laboratories

- Specialized, dedicated work
- More expensive
- Less flexible
- Easier to control access
- Needed for specific work
  - NMR
  - Mass spec
  - High hazard materials
  - Dark rooms
  - Lasers

Energy Conservation, Sustainability and Green Chemistry Concerns

- Design leading to increased productivity
- Energy conservation and efficiency
- Centralized heat-generating equipment
- Manifolded hoods and ventilation
- Reduction/elimination of harmful substances and waste
- Efficient use of materials and resources
- Recycling and reuse

Energy Conservation Issues

- **Vented Enclosures**
- **Ductless Hoods**
- **Diversity**
- **Manifolded Systems**
- **Recirculation of Room Exhaust Air**
- **Variable Air Volume Systems**
- **Automatic Sash Closers**
- **Air Change per Hour**
- **Low Flow Hoods**

Ventilation Considerations

- **Heating and cooling needs**
- **Maintaining directional airflow**
- **Type of hoods**
- **Single vs. manifolded hoods**

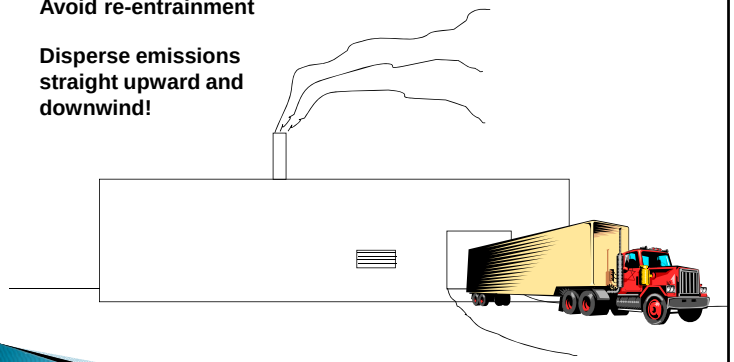
General Laboratory Hood Considerations

- **Determine minimum exhaust requirements.**
- **Communicate hood limitations to users.**
- **Label restrictions e.g., no perchloric acid.**
- **Alarm systems**
- **Consider future needs.**

Ventilation Design: Avoid Exhaust Recirculation

Avoid re-entrainment

Disperse emissions straight upward and downwind!



Laboratory hood design and ventilation are discussed in detail in later presentations.

General Lab Layout

- Try to locate hoods, utilities and safety equipment in the same relative position in all labs.
- Locate sinks centrally
- Space between benches should allow people to pass each other (≥1.5 m).
- Details on these topics given in later presentations:
  - Lab hoods
  - Safety showers / eyewashes
  - Chemical management

General Lab Layout

- Construction materials should be appropriate for chemicals
  - Benchtops
  - Cabinets & shelving
  - Flooring
  - Avoid metal drainpipes
- Store chemicals and waste securely – not easily spilled or knocked over.
- Keep bulk chemicals in stockroom – not lab.
- Control access to labs, especially during off-hours

Teaching Lab Layout

- Higher occupancy than research labs
  - Need easy movement of people around lab
  - Two safe exits
  - Benches in "Islands"
  - 2m distance between benches so students can work "back-to-back"
  - Locate instruments, sinks, supply areas away from hoods to minimize traffic in front of them

- Floor space required per student
  - 3.0 m^2 absolute minimum
  - 6.5 m^2 allowing space for utilities, storage, cleanup, etc.

Laboratory Modifications or Decommissioning

- When a laboratory is modified or vacated, ensure that:
  - Chemicals have been safely moved to another lab, returned to the stockroom, or properly disposed of.
  - Any contamination has been removed from the:
    - Room (floor, ceiling, walls)
    - Furniture
    - Equipment and fixtures
    - Plumbing system
    - HVAC ductwork

Conclusion:

Together we can design, build, and operate safe/secure laboratories!

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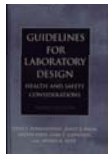


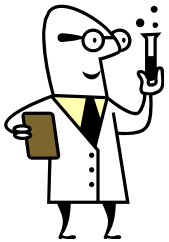
BREAK

Principles and Concepts of Laboratory Ventilation

Hazardous Exposure

SOURCE

PATHWAY



RECEIVER

Enclose the Source

Hazardous Exposure

SOURCE

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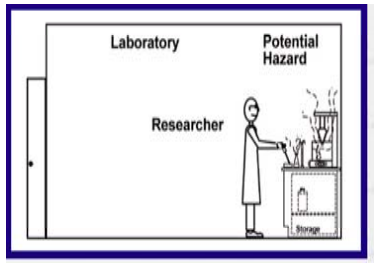

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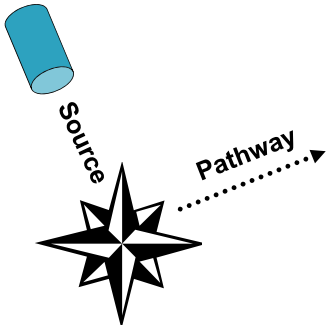
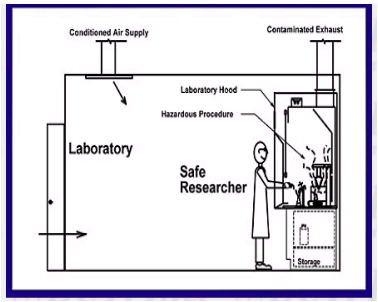
Ventilation





Safe Worker

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Reminder: Prioritization of Controls

- **Engineering controls**
- **Administrative controls & Operational work practices**
- **Personal protective equipment**

Uses of Ventilation

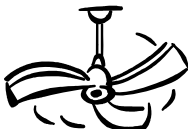
- **Keep gas / vapor concentration below OEL**
- **Air movement to reduce heat stress**
- **Keep toxic contaminants below OEL**
- **Confined space entry**
- **Limit CO_2 buildup**
- **Control clean room or hospital environments**

OEL = Occupational Exposure Limit

Limitations of Ventilation

- **May require large amounts of air (expensive)**
- **Outdoor air may create problems**
  - Need tempering
    - Heat, cool, dehumidify, humidify
  - May be “contaminated”
- **System design**
  - Remove contaminate from breathing zone
  - Insufficient air velocity or volume
- **Contaminant cleanup or discharge**
- **Users need training**

Engineering Ventilation Controls



General dilution ventilation

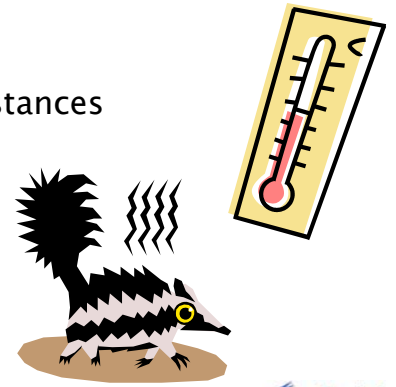
Not good

Local exhaust ventilation

Preferred

Use General Dilution Ventilation

- For Control of:
  - Temperature
  - Harmless Substances
  - Nuisances
  - Odors



Use Local Exhaust Ventilation (LEV):

- To enclose and contain
- When contaminant is toxic
- Employee works near the contamination
- When complete containment/enclosure is not feasible

Local Exhaust Ventilation

LEV Principles

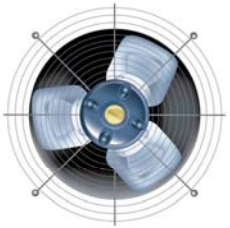
- **Enclose source**
- **Capture contaminant near source**
- **Keep contaminant out of breathing zone**
- **Provide adequate make-up air**
- **Discharge away from air intake**

Definitions

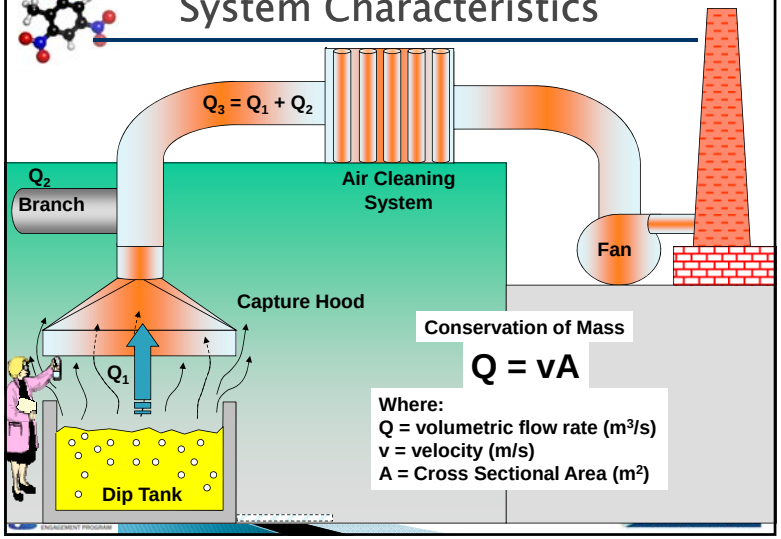
- **Hood** – includes any suction device, regardless of shape, that encloses, captures or removes contaminants.
- **Dilution Ventilation** – moves room air around by a fan that is sometimes exhausted to the outside.
- **Local Ventilation (LEV)** – ventilation system that captures and removes emitted contaminants.

System Components

- Hood
- Duct Work
- Optional Air Cleaning Devices
- Fan
- Discharge



System Characteristics



Q = vA

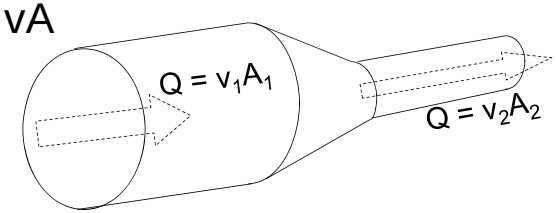
Q = volumetric flow rate of air (m^3/s)

v = velocity of air through an area (m/s)

A = cross sectional area air flows through (m^2)

Volumetric Flow Rate

Q = vA



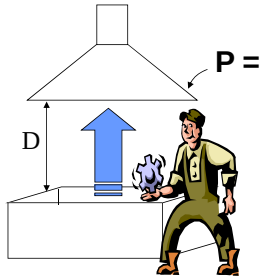
Q = Volumetric Flow Rate, m^3/s
v = Average Velocity, m/s
A = Cross-sectional Area, m^2

System Losses

- **Friction Loss**
  - Rougher surfaces lead to higher velocity
  - FL $\propto LV^2/d$
  - FL units of pipe length
- **Dynamic Loss**
  - Turbulence from elbows or cross-sectional area changes or transition
  - Turbulence at hood entry
    - Coefficient of Entry "C_e" measures efficiency of hood entry
  - DL increases with abruptness of elbow or transition
  - DL units of equivalent pipe length or fraction of VP
- **Pressure losses from system devices**
  - Fans, air cleaners, etc.

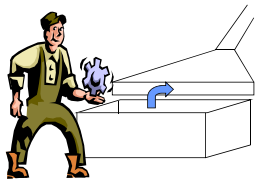
Press Room – Ventilation System

Local Exhaust Hoods



CANOPY HOOD

SLOT HOOD



Canopy Hood – Machine Shop

Portable Welding Hood

Traditional Laboratory Chemical Hood

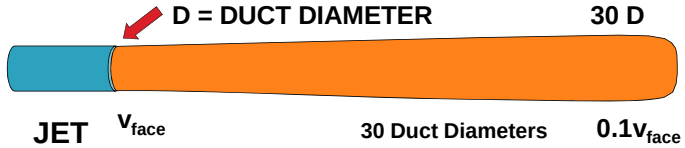
Design Goals for Balance Enclosures

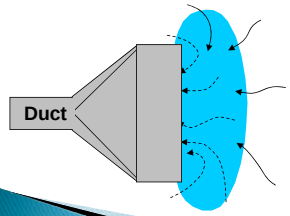
- High level of containment
- Stable balance readings
- Ergonomic design, visibility, comfort
- Task specific flexibility
- Energy efficient

- 0.6 m enclosure (~2') = 0.047 m^3/s air (100 CFM)
- 1.8 m hood (~6') = 0.566 m^3/s air (1200 CFM)

- 0.566 m^3/s (1200 CFM) = $5K/yr.

Flow at Exit and Entry



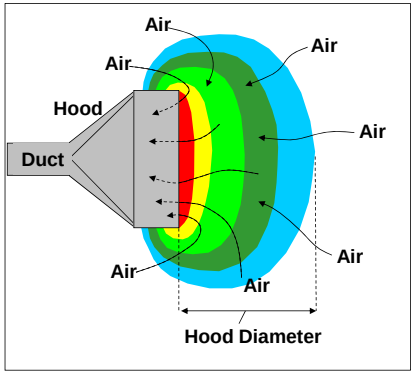


Capture of contaminant is only effective within <u>one</u> <u>(1) duct diameter</u>

Hood Capture Velocities

Equal Velocity Zones

% Hood Capture Velocity	
	~100%
	~60%
	~30%
	~15%
	~7.5%



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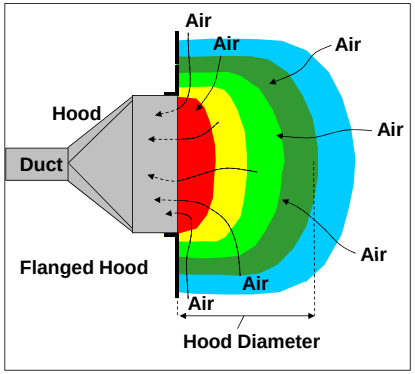
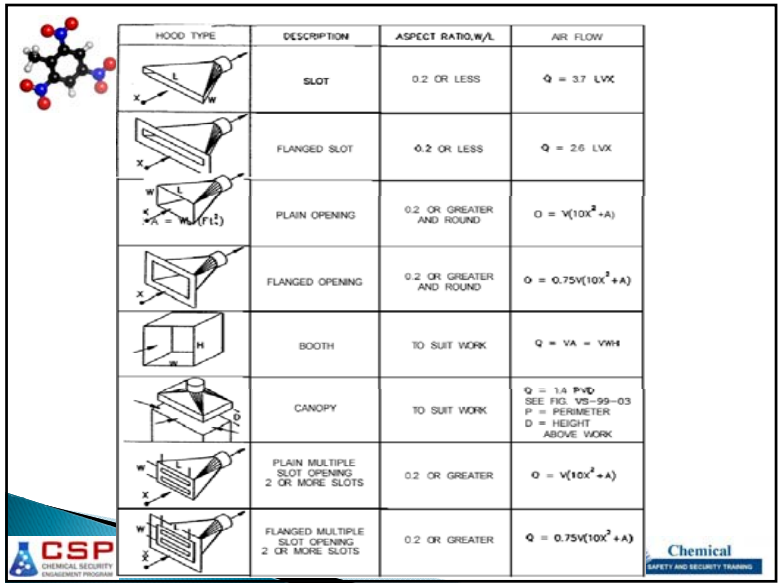


Recommended Capture Velocities

CONDITION	EXAMPLES	CAPTURE VELOCITY m/s (fpm)
No velocity, Quiet air	Evaporation from tanks, degreasers	0.25 – 0.5 (50 – 100)
Low velocity, moderately still air	Spray booths, container filling, welding, plating	0.5 – 1.0 (100 – 200)
Active generation into rapid air motion	Spray painting (shallow booths), crushers	1.0 – 2.5 (200 – 500)
High initial velocity into very rapid air motion	Grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling	2.5 – 10.1 (500 – 2000)



Hood Type Calculations

Plain Opening: $Q = v (10X^2 + A)$

Flanged Opening: $Q = 0.75\ v (10X^2 + A)$

Q = Quantity of air (m^3/s)

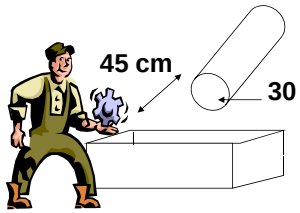
v = Velocity of air (m/s)

X = Distance from hood face to point of contaminant generation (m)

A = Area (m^2)

Hood Calculations: Example

Determine the air flow required to capture Trichloroethylene vapor from a degreaser using a 30 cm diameter plain end duct whose opening is 45 cm from the vapor source.



$$A = \frac{\pi\ (30\ cm/100)^2}{4} = 0.071 m^2$$

$$Q = v\ (10X^2 + A)$$

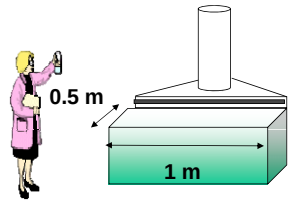
Assume a capture velocity = 0.5 m/s

$$Q = 0.5\ m/s\ [(10 \times 0.45^2) + 0.071\ m^2]$$

$$Q = 0.5\ m/s\ (2.096\ m^2) = 1.048\ m^3/s$$

Hood Calculations: Example

Determine the air flow required to capture Trichloroethylene vapor from a degreaser using a flanged slotted hood with a 4 cm slot, 1 m long, located on the back side of the dip tank 0.5 m from the front edge.



Assume a capture velocity of 0.5 m/s

$Q = 2.6LvX$

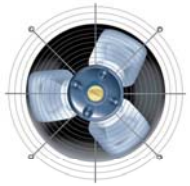
$Q = 2.6(1\ m)(0.5\ m/s)(0.5\ m)$

$Q = 0.65\ m^3/s$

The flanged slotted hood uses much less air and it is probably more effective overall.

Fan Speed and Air Flow

Fan rated to deliver 5.0 m^3/s of air running at 400 RPM. If fan speed increases by 25% to 500 RPM, what is the new air flow?



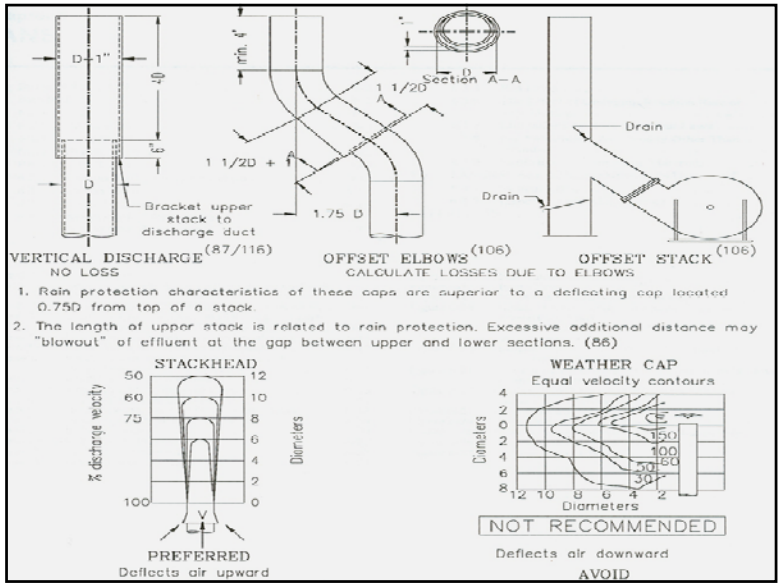
$Q \propto RPM$

$$Q_2 = Q_1 \left(\frac{RPM_2}{RPM_1} \right)$$

$$Q_2 = 5 \left(\frac{500}{400} \right) = 6.25\ m^3/s$$

Hood Exhaust

- **Height**
- **Discharge velocity**
- **Configuration**



Engineering Controls: Avoid Exhaust Recirculation

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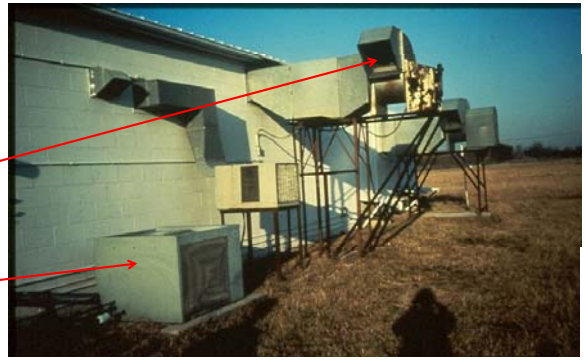

Potential Issues

- **Insufficient air volume**
- **Too much air flow**
- **Wrong location**
- **Wrong configuration**
- **Bad hood design**
- **Duct velocity too low**
- **Insufficient make up air**
- **Clogged system**
- **Noise**

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Any Questions?

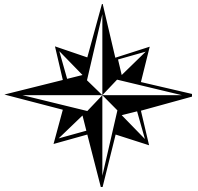
Laboratory Chemical Hoods: How they work, & when they don't

Improper Hood Use

Laboratory Chemical Hood

- Also called a fume hood or fume cupboard
- Designed to limit exposure to hazardous or unpleasant aerosols
- First used by alchemists 500 years ago

Control Concept



SOURCE

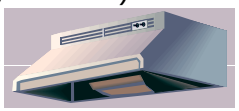
RECEIVER

LEV Implementation

- Identify/Characterize Contaminant
- Characterize Air Movement
- Identify Alternative Controls
- Choose Most Effective Control
- Implement Control
- Evaluate Control
- Maintain Control

LEV Capture Ability

- Hood configuration (type of hood)
- Extent of enclosure
  - (e.g., glove boxes completely enclose)
- Air movement in hood (smooth, laminar, non-turbulent)



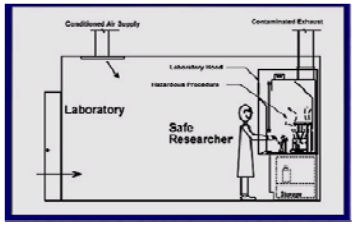
Duct Design

- **Provide adequate capture velocity**
  - **Usually 0.4 - 0.6 m/s (80-120 fpm)**

- **Maintain duct transport velocity**
  - **For chemical laboratories 1.2 m^3/s (~2500 cfm)**

Duct Design, cont'd.

- **Keep system balanced,**
  - **i.e., equalize supply and return air**
  - **match airflows among manifolded hoods**
- **Minimize power consumption**
  - **i.e., conserve energy**
  - **save money**



http://www.clf.rl.ac.uk/facilities/AstraWeb/images/Photo7/Air_duct_TA3.JPG

LEV Hood Design Requirements

- **Capture emissions close to source.**
- **Move contamination away from breathing zone.**
- **Consider existing air movement when locating hood.**
- **Minimize air movement in source area.**
- **Should not interfere with work.**

Laboratory Hoods

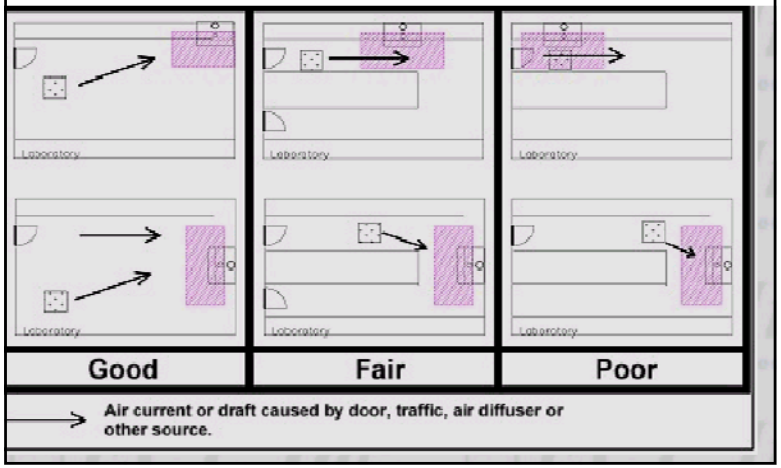
Laboratory hoods and ventilation are the basis of engineering controls.

But they must be properly: *selected*, *located*, *used*, and *maintained*.

Hood Location Requirements

- As near to contamination source as possible
- So contamination moves away from operator
- Minimize cross-drafts
- Don't place near windows and doors
- Don't place near air conditioning/heater diffuser
- Doesn't interfere with other workers
- Locate out of traffic flow
- Place near rear of laboratory

A person walking at 0.9–1.3 m/s (2–3 mph) generates cross drafts of 1.3 m/s (250 fpm) that can interfere with hood capture



Principles of Hood Design and Operation

- Enclose as much of the operation as possible
- Place utility controls (gas, electric) outside or as near hood front as possible
- Hood lights should be vapor tight
- Mount hood motor *outside building* and *away from* building *air intakes*
- Don't use hoods for uses not intended (e.g., perchloric acid digestion, radioisotopes)
- Ensure duct material compatible with exhausts
- Don't use without indication it is working properly

Hood Design & Operation, cont'd.

- Don't put your head in the hood.
- Use proper PPE (gloves, eyewear, etc)
- Place large equipment above surface on 5 cm blocks to allow uniform air flow
- Lower sash height to 30 – 50 cm during operation
- Keep sash fully closed when not in use
- Use liner or tray inside hood to contain spills

http://www.news.harvard.edu/gazette/daily/0403/photos/03-meltonstem_1.jpg

Hood Design & Operation, cont'd.

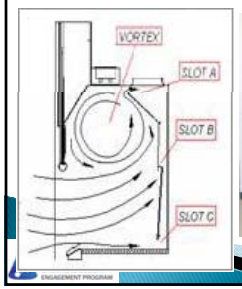
- Work in the center of hood and 15 cm in from hood sash.
- Don't store chemicals or equipment in hood.
- Don't block baffles (slots).
- Maintain hood regularly (check fan belt, lubricate motor).
- Regularly evaluate hood (flow rate, mark operating sash height).
- Reports problems, concerns, malfunctions immediately.

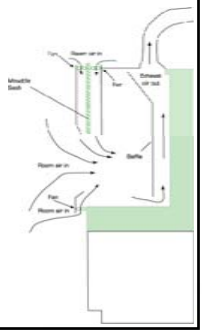
Laboratory Hood Types

- **Constant Air Volume (CAV)**
  - **Traditional/Standard/Conventional**
  - **Bypass**
  - **HOPEC (horizontal/vertical sash)**
  - **Auxiliary Air (not recommended for Lab operations)**
- **Variable Air Volume (VAV)**

Traditional Constant Volume Hood

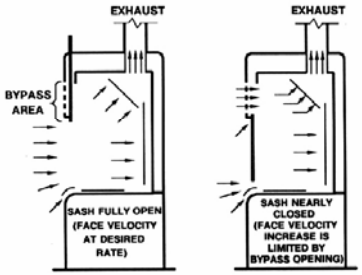
- All make up air enters through hood face.
- Air exhausted is constant regardless of size of face opening or sash height.
- Volume of air movement is constant but velocity varies with sash height.





Constant Volume Bypass Hood

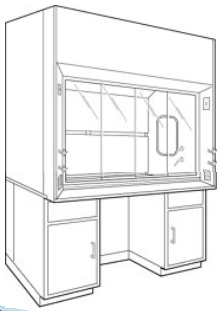
- Make up air enters through face and through a bypass.
- Bypass opening varies in size as sash is opened or closed.
- As sash moves, an almost equivalent area is *uncovered* to maintain a constant open area, hence, a constant volume of air movement through the face is achieved.



HOPEC Hood

(Hand Operated Positive Energy Control)

Combination Horizontal/vertical sash limits sash opening to no more that 50%.
- Maintains constant air volume and limits energy consumption.

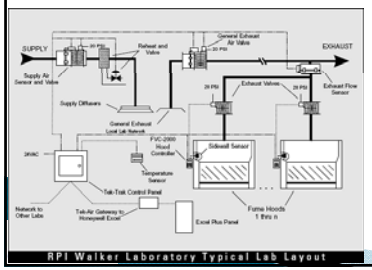


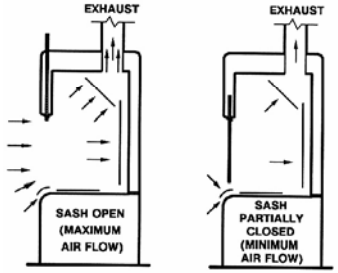
Variable Air Volume (VAV) Hood

Uses mechanical and electronic controls to maintain constant air velocity.

Interfaces with room supply air to conserve energy by maintaining constant face velocity.

Uses complicated electronic components that require special training to maintain.





Specialized Hoods

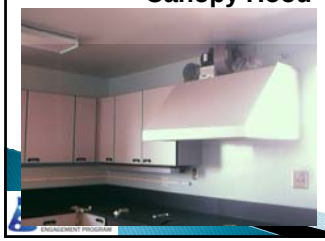
- Perchloric acid (with water wash down)
- Radiological (with special filters)
- Floor level (improperly called walk-in)
- Distillation/California hoods (0.5m or ~1.5 ft above floor)
- Canopy hoods (not suitable for most lab operations)
- Slot hoods
- Ductless fume hoods
- Vented enclosures or special purpose hoods
- Glove Boxes (complete enclosure)
- Biological Safety Cabinets (BSC)

Specialized Hoods

ADA Hood

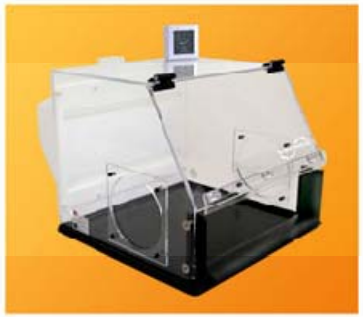
Glove Box

Canopy Hood



Floor Hood

Special purpose vented hood



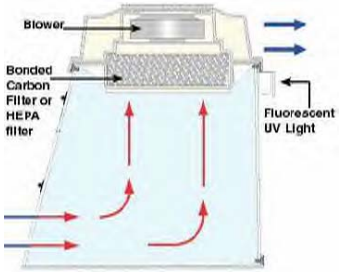
Chemical weighing station

Bulk powder transfer station

Ductless Hoods

Should only be used in laboratories with:

- Small quantities of known non-volatile substances.
- Only with HEPA filters
- Never with volatile substances
- Unless breakthrough time for the specific chemical being used is known, carbon filters are unreliable.

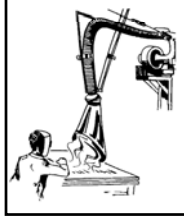


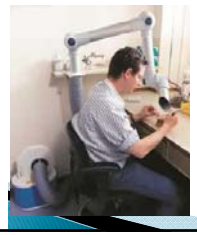
Specialized Hoods

Dust hood, Animal feed

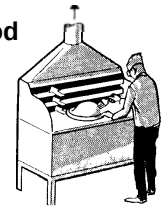
Downdraft table

Snorkel hood





Slot Hood



Biological Safety Cabinets (BSC)

Several types/classes and configurations.

Designed to protect the sample, and sometimes the worker, from biological contamination.

Most types not suitable for hazardous, volatile chemicals.

Often not vented to the outside.

Reference: http://www.cdc.gov/od/ohs/biosfty/bsc/bsc.htm

Hood Problems and Pitfalls

- **Face velocity**
  - **Recommended 0.4 - 0.5 m/s (80 - 100 fpm)**
- **Air changes/hour**
  - **Recommended 6 – 10 / hour**

Neither of these measurements can guarantee hood capture or containment.

Hood Evaluation

- Face Velocity, a necessary but not sufficient condition.
- Smoke Tubes
- Smoke Candles
- Incense
- ASHRAE 110-1995 Test (SF_6)
- Protection Factors (PF = 300-10,000):

PF = Contaminant Concentration in Exhaust Air
Contaminant Concentration in Breathing Zone

Ventilation System Evaluation

- Smoke sources
  - Visualize air movement
  - Assess capture effectiveness
- Smoke tubes
- Smoke candles
- Theatrical smoke generators
- Incense sticks

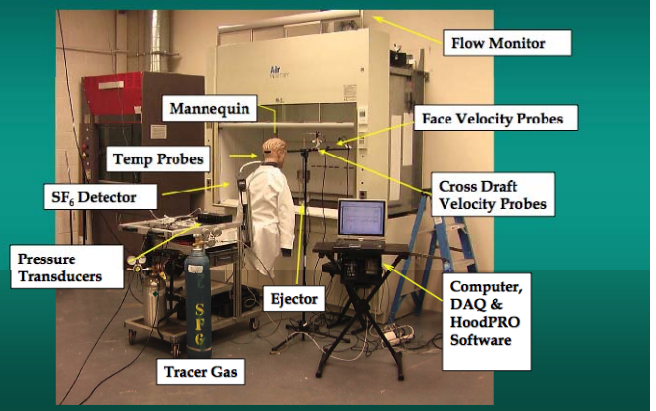
Ventilation System Evaluation

- Velocity measurements
  - Anemometer/velometer
    - m/s or fpm
    - Directional
  - Hot-wire anemometer
    - m/s or fpm
    - Non-directional

Hood Smoke Evaluation
Face velocity vs. Containment

- Lab hood performance testing evaluates containment of contamination. How do we determine containment?
- Is face velocity the right measurement?
- Studies show that 59% of the hoods passed face velocity criteria, but only 13% of these hoods met ASHRAE 110 tracer-gas standards.
- 30% – 50% of hoods leaking excessive levels of contaminants pass face velocity tests.
- Lab hoods with face velocities as low as 0.25 m/s (50 fpm) can provide protection factors 2,200 times greater than hoods with face velocities of 0.76 m/s (150 fpm).

Fume Hood Test Apparatus

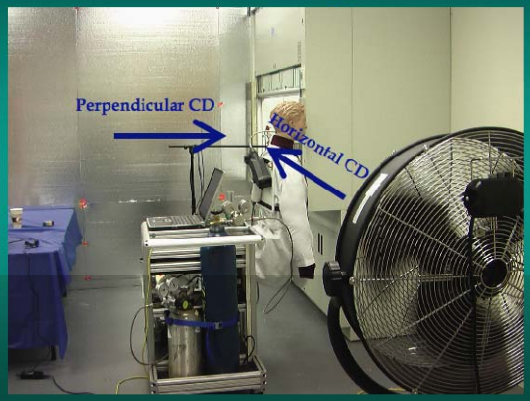


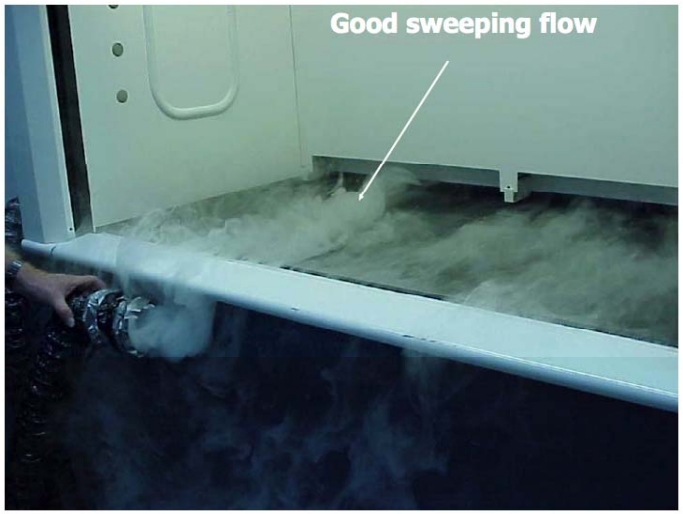
Gas Cylinder Inside Hood

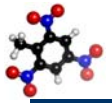
Hood Loading Challenge Test

Walk-By Challenge Test

Cross Draft Challenge Tests







Conclusions

- Ensuring laboratory hood safety depends on many factors including:
  - Hood design
  - Hood use
  - Lab design
  - System operation

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Chemical Management Best Practices

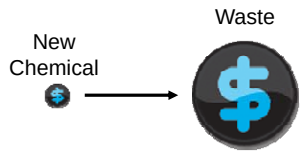
Cradle-to-grave care of chemicals

Receipt → Storage →

Use → Disposal

Chemical Management is a Best Practice for Safety *and* Security

- **Reduces hazardous waste**
- **Reduces cost**
  - **New purchases**
  - **Waste disposal**
  - **More efficient**
- **Improves security**
  - **Insider threat**
  - **Outsider threat**
- **Facilitates environmental compliance**
- **Improves quality of research**
- **Improves quality of lab instruction**



Proper chemical management program has several essential elements

Chemical Management Elements

- **Source reduction**
- **Procedure for chemical ordering and disposal**
- **Inventory and tracking**
- **Storage in stockrooms**
- **Access control**
- **Recycling of chemicals, containers and packages**

Plan experiments in advance!

What chemicals are needed?

How much is needed?

How will the chemicals be handled?

What are the reaction products?

How will the chemical be stored?

How will disposal take place?

Inventory management

Less is Better !

- **Order only what you need**
- **Reduce size of experiment**
  - **It cost less to store**
  - **It cost less to dispose**

"Less is Better: Guide to minimizing waste in laboratories", Task Force on Laboratory Environment, Health and Safety, American Chemical Society, 2002.
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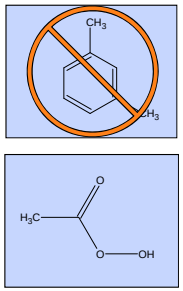
Substitute reagents to reduce waste

- **Citrus based solvents for xylene in histology lab**
- **Peracetic acid for formaldehyde for cleaning kidney dialysis machines**
- **Non mercury thermometers**
- **Enzyme and peroxide based cleaners for chromerge (NoChromix)**
- **When purchasing automated equipment think of chemical waste**



Ordering Chemicals: Chemical Inventory

- **Database or Spreadsheets are tools to track the chemical inventory**
  - **Barcoding can be used**
  - **Chemicals can be found easily**
  - **Chemical ages can be tracked**
  - **Chemical standards maintain traceability**
  - **Disposal can be documented**
- **Physical reconciliation**
  - **Assures accuracy of database**
  - **Provides visual inspection of chemical condition**

Database helps safely track and report chemical storage and use

Searches and Reports:
- Find an (M)SDS
- Chemical Inventory Search Menu
- Chemical Regulatory Reports Search Menu
- Find Chemical Storage Locations

Transfers, Removal, Verification and Inventory Entry:
- Transfer or Remove a Bar-coded Chemical from the Inventory
- Verify Chemical Inventory Menu
- Add Chemical Inventory
- Chemical Exchange Menu

Procedures, Forms and Links:
- See Inventory procedures, forms and other documents
- See Other Chemical Related Links

Inventory queries

Chemical or tradename search
CAS number search
Ingredient search
Location/organization search
Location owner search
Requester search
Barcode search

Query for toluene: barcode, location, department, quantity and order date

BARCODE	LOCATION	DEPT	QUANTITY	UNIT	Purchase Date
AQ00600682	NM/518/1111	1725	1	L	10/24/2006
AQ00602185	NM/518/1123	1111	100	mL	11/20/2006
AQ00582298	NM/518/1302	1131	1	L	8/8/2006
AQ00602186	NM/518/1302	1131	100	mL	11/20/2006
AQ00602187	NM/518/1302	1131	100	mL	11/20/2006
AQ00582307	NM/518/1302	1131	4	L	8/8/2006

(M)SDS and Certificates of Analysis may also be included

Chemicals likely to be useful in other labs

ACIDS
Acetic acid (glacial)
Hydrochloric acid
Sulfuric acid

SOLVENTS
Dichloromethane (methylene chloride), Acetone Chloroform, Ethyl acetate, Glycerol, Hexanes Isopropyl alcohol, Methanol, Petroleum ether Toluene, Xylenes

OXIDIZERS
Bromine, Potassium chlorate, Potassium dichromate, Silver nitrate

POISONS
Indicators, Iodine (solid or solution) Metals (powders, dust, shot)
Sodium, calcium, silver, and potassium salts

Excess chemicals made available to others & can be searched

CHEMICAL NAME	MSDS	QTY	STATE	PURCHASE DATE	OPEN?
DEVCON 5 MINUTE EPOXY KIT	NL203800	73.9 mL	Liquid	07/25/2001	Not Open
5 MINUTE EPOXY KIT	NL203800	73.9 mL	Liquid	08/06/2003	Not Open
TOLUENE	OHS23590	500.0 mL	Liquid	03/25/1999	Not Open
TOLUENE	OHS23590	500.0 mL	Liquid	03/25/1999	Not Open

Inventory Management

Less is Better !
It's Safer!

It may be cheaper to order diethyl ether in large containers

But, if it's opened for a long time— peroxides can form!

Inventory Management: Chemical Aging

- How old are your chemicals?
- Some chemicals degrade over time
  - rotate stock
  - label & date
- Chemical assays have expiration dates

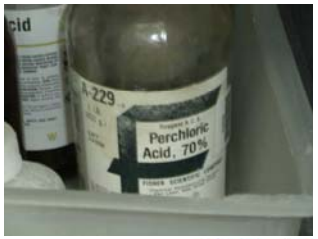
Explosives and Reactives

Examples:

- Peroxide-forming – ethers
- Perchlorate-forming – perchloric acid
- Water/moisture sensitive – Na, K, Li, LAlH, flammable metals

Control measures:

- Inventory control
- SOPs, inspections



Inventory Management

It is important not to let peroxide forming chemicals evaporate to dryness or accumulate under screw caps.

–R–O–O–R–

Peroxide Forming Chemicals

Even with inhibitors they can become dangerous over time

- discard or test if unsure
- label & date when received, when opened, and provide expiration date

Peroxide test kits and strips should be available

Peroxide Forming Chemicals

Peroxides can explode when exposed to thermal or mechanical shock

Examples: ethers, dioxane, tetrahydrofuran

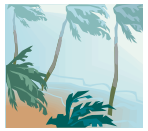
References:

There are excellent websites on peroxide forming chemicals and their hazards, use, storage, and disposal. For example, see:

http://www.med.cornell.edu/ehs/updates/peroxide_formers.htm

Chemical Storage

- Protect chemicals during normal operations
- Protect chemicals during unexpected events
  - Floods
  - Tidal waves
  - Earthquakes
  - Typhoons
  - Hurricanes



Chemical storage: Basic concepts

- Separate incompatible chemicals
- Separate flammables/explosives from ignition sources
- Use flammable storage cabinets for large quantities of flammable solvents
- Separate alkali metals from water
- Separate acids and bases

Chemical storage: Basic concepts

- Store nitric acid separately
- Store large containers on bottom shelves
- Lock up drugs, chemical surety agents, highly toxic chemicals
- Do not store food in refrigerators with chemicals

Chemical storage: Gas cylinders

- Secure (chain/clamp) and separate gas cylinders
- Screw down cylinder caps
- Store in well-ventilated area
- Separate & label empty cylinders
- Store empty cylinders separately
- Separate flammable from reactive/oxidizing gases

Improper gas cylinder storage

Damage from Gas Cylinder Fire

An Accident Waiting to Happen

CSB video: Compressed gas fire

Chemical storage: Good practices

- Limit access
  - Label "Authorized Personnel Only"
  - Lock area/room/cabinets when not in use
- Be sure area is cool and well ventilated
- Secure storage shelves to wall or floor
- Shelves should have a ¾" front lip
  - In earthquake territory, have a rod several inches above shelf

Chemical storage: Good practices

- Separate incompatible chemicals
  - Organize chemicals by compatible groups
  - Alphabetize chemicals only within compatible groups

Chemical storage: Bad practices

- **Do Not Store Chemicals**
  - on top of cabinets
  - on floor
  - in hoods
  - with food or drinks
  - in refrigerators used for food
  - where there are wide variations in temperature, humidity or sunlight

Chemical storage: Containers

- Don't use chemical containers for food
- Don't use food containers for chemicals
- Be sure all containers are properly closed
- Wipe-off outside of container before returning to storage area
- Transport/carry all containers safely
  - Preferably use outer protective container

Improper chemical storage

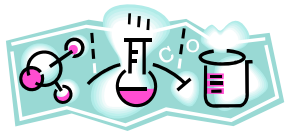
Never use hallways for storage

Safety Hazard!!

Blocks exit path in emergencies!!!

Suggested shelf storage groups: Organics

- Acids, anhydrides
- Alcohols, amides, amines
- Aldehydes, esters, hydrocarbons
- Ethers, ketones, halogenated hydrocarbons
- Epoxies, isocyanates
- Azides, peroxides
- Nitriles, sulfides, sulfoxides
- Cresols, phenols



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Suggested shelf storage groups: Inorganics

- Metals, hydrides
- Halides, halogens, phosphates, sulfates, sulfides
- Amides, azides, nitrates, nitrites
- Carbonates, hydroxides, oxides, silicates
- Chlorates, chlorites, perchlorates, peroxides
- Arsenates, cyanides, cyanates
- Borates, chromates, manganates
- Acids
- Arsenics, phosphorus, sulfur

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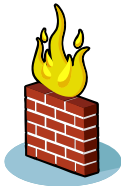
Best practice: access control

- **Proper training of chemical handling personnel**
- **Only trained and approved personnel**
  - **have access to stock room and keys**
  - **administrative privileges to inventory and database**
- **Locked doors and cabinets for controlled substances**
  - **Radioactive materials**
  - **Drugs and consumable alcohol**
  - **Explosives (special handling facility)**
  - **Dual use chemicals**
  - **Hazardous waste - high toxicity chemicals**



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Other Hazards in a Chemical Laboratory

Physical Hazards

Conditions, besides chemical, biological or radiological conditions or circumstances, that can cause injury, illness and death:

- Fire/Asbestos
- Centrifuges
- Cryogenics
- Ergonomic
- Office
- Physical stress/strain
- Construction
- Noise
- Heat/cold
- Sunlight
- Non-ionizing radiation
- Mechanical
- Electrical
- Housekeeping
- Spills/trips

Asbestos-Containing Materials

- Gloves
- Lab hoods
- Lab benches


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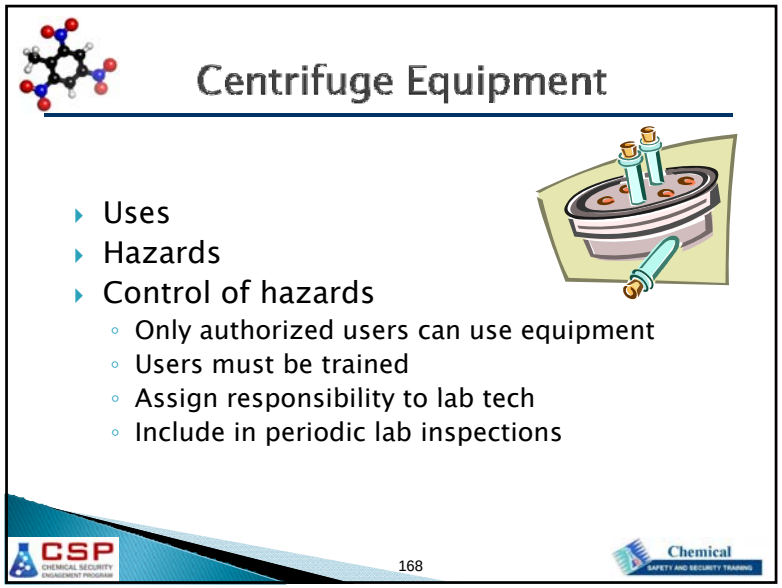
Centrifuge Equipment
Uses
Hazards
Control of hazards
Only authorized users can use equipment
Users must be trained
Assign responsibility to lab tech
Include in periodic lab inspections
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Chemical

- Rotor
- Drive Shaft
- Motor
- Cabinet provides varying degrees of protection

Centrifuge Safety

Don't overload

Check rotor for cracks

Keep rotor and centrifuge clean

Set it upright

Chemical Storage: Cryogenics

- Store cryogenics separately from other chemicals
- Store cryogenics (liquid nitrogen) & dry ice in well ventilated areas
- Use proper PPE (including eye protection) when handling & moving cryogenics
- Do not use cryogenics in closed areas

Cryogens

- What are they?
- Uses
- Hazards
- Control
  - training
  - inspection

Cyrogen Storage

Exploding liquid nitrogen cylinder ruins lab.

Dry Ice

- What is dry ice?
- Uses
- Hazards
- Control measures

Open-toed shoes should not be allowed in laboratories.

Employees should not wear gloves, lab coats or other PPE outside the lab.

Working Alone/ Unattended Operations

- Working Alone
  - *Avoid!*
  - Murphy's Law will get you! (Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong!)
  - Use the "Buddy System"
- Unattended Operations/Reactions
  - Caution! Prime sources of fires, spills and explosions
  - Check periodically!
  - Fail-safe provisions
  - Leave the lights on to indicate the presence of an unattended activity
  - *Post appropriate signs and emergency phone #'s*
  - Notify those potentially impacted by malfunction

Electrical Hazards

- Can be a significant problem
  - Frayed cords, no UL-listing, overloaded circuits
  - Static electricity
- Hazards
  - Fires, electrical shock, power outages
- Control
  - Inspect, act immediately, education

Electrical Hazards

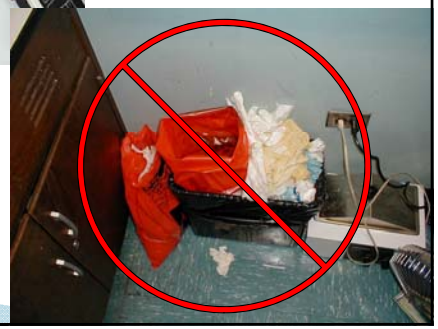
Check to see that all outlets are grounded and that the polarity is correct.

Electrical Hazards

Storage should be at least 1 m from electrical panels, mechanical rooms, air ducts, heaters, light fixtures.

Don't store combustibles in mechanical rooms or electrical closets.

In emergencies it may be necessary to access these panels quickly.



Heating Mantles

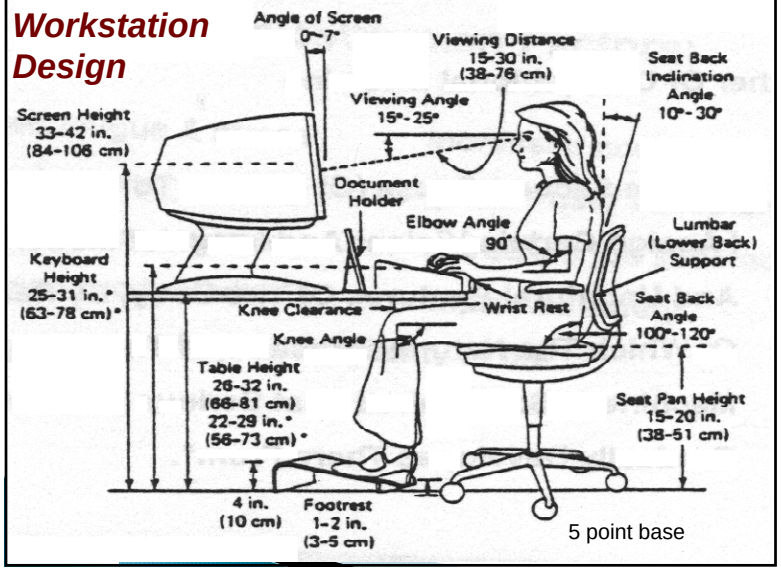
- Uses
- Hazards
- Unshielded rheostats
- Control measures

Repetitive Motion Disorders

About 15 to 20% of workers in jobs requiring highly repetitive motion of shoulders, arms, wrists or hands develop repetitive motion disorders.

Disorder	Affected Site
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome	Wrist
Tendonitis	Elbow, wrist, hand
Tenosynovitis	Elbow, wrist, hand
Epicondylitis	Tennis elbow
Reynaud's phenomenon	"White finger"
Ulnar neuropathy	Fingers

Workstation Design



5 point base

Freezers

- Ultra low temperatures
  - -20°C, -80°C
  - Upright vs. walk-in
- Emergency power
- Labels

- Precautions
  - *No dry ice in freezers!*
  - Improper storage
  - PPE

Glassware Handling

- Potential Hazards
  - Ergonomics
  - High temperature
  - Broken glassware
  - Improper use
- Control
  - Inspection
  - Training

Beware of contaminated Glassware, especially if broken!

Autoclave Explosion

High Pressure Reactions

- Experiments carried out at pressures above 1 atmosphere (~1bar, ~100 kPa, 760 Torr).
  - Use of supercritical fluids (CO_2)
- Hazards
  - Explosions, equipment failure
- Control Measures
  - SOPs, training, engineering controls, inspection
  - Dry runs

Vacuum Work

- **Uses**
  - **Aspiration**
- **Hazards**
  - **Injury due to glass breakage**
  - **Toxicity of chemical contained in vacuum**
  - **Fire following flask breakage**
  - **Contaminated pump oil**
- **Control Measures**
  - **SOPs, inspection, education**

Mechanical hazards like open drive belts with pinch points must have shields and guards.

Oil pumps need drip pans to contain oil.

Noise

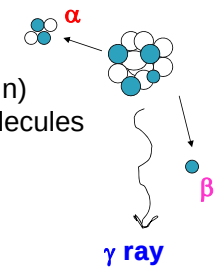
- Elevated noise levels can be a problem.
- Potential Hazards
  - Examples: bone-cutting saws, mechanical water aspirators, sonicators, pumps.
- Control Measures
  - Inspections, PPE, warning labels, training.

Magnetic Fields

- Uses – NMR, MRI
- Hazards
  - Magnetic field
  - High voltage
  - Cryogenic liquids
    - e.g., nitrogen, helium
  - Other hazardous materials in lab
- Control Measures
  - Control access to area
  - Training
  - Warning signs

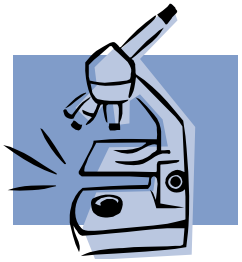
Ionizing vs. Non-ionizing Radiation

- **IONIZING RADIATION**
  - Particulate or electromagnetic
  - Charged (α, β) or uncharged (γ, X, n)
  - Causes **ionization** of atoms or molecules
- **NON-IONIZING RADIATION**
  - Electromagnetic (UV, IR, MW, RF)
  - Can not ionize atoms or molecules



Electron Microscopes

- Types
  - SEM, TEM
- Hazards
  - X-rays
- Control of hazard
  - Periodic maintenance
  - Conduct radiation survey
  - Include in personnel radiation safety program



Protect yourself by:

- **TIME** – Limit time near source

- **DISTANCE** – Stay away

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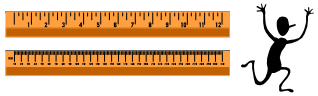
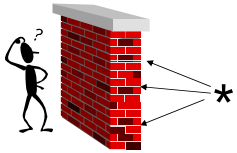
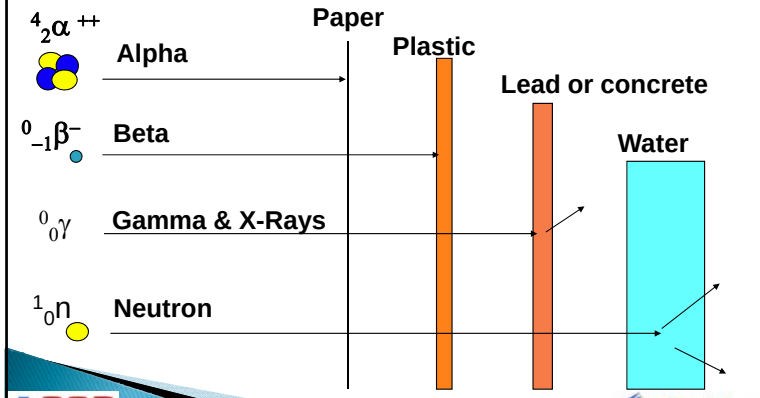


- **SHIELDING** – Absorb energy



- **CONTAMINATION CONTROL**

Shielding Materials



Non-Ionizing Radiation

- UV, Visible, IR, Lasers
- Hazards
  - Skin erythema
  - Eye injuries
- Control Measures
  - Training, PPE, warning signs and labels, interlocks

Radio-frequency & Microwaves

- Uses
  - RF ovens and furnaces
- Hazards
  - Cataracts, sterility
  - Arcing – use of metal in microwave
  - Superheating of liquids
  - Explosion of capped vials
- Control Measures
  - SOPs, education, inspection

Robotics

- Free-moving parts
  - "Struck by" injuries
- Noise
- Lasers
- Aerosol Generation

Sharps, Needles, Blades

Hazards
- Needle sticks
- Cuts
- Contamination

- Control Measures
  - SOPs
  - Training
  - Modify work practices
  - Engineering Controls

Housekeeping

Don't block hood air flow.

Place large equipment in a hood on 5 cm blocks to allow air flow around and under equipment.

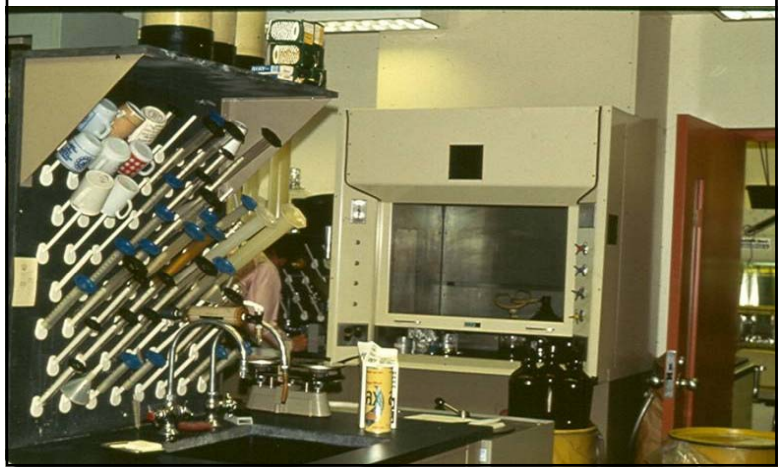
Safety shields can block airflow and reduce hood effectiveness.

Slips, Trips, Falls

- Most common injuries
- Causes
  - Chemical spills and leaks
  - Improper work practices
- Control Measures
  - SOPs, proper equipment, effective communication, engineering controls

We want to avoid this.

What's Wrong With This Picture?



Control of Hazards

- Think!
- Develop SOPs, safety manual, policies
  - reviewed and approved by management
- Research protocol review
- Install engineering controls
- Provide PPE
- Provide training
- Conduct inspections, routine & unannounced with lab supervisor
- Document and *follow-up*
- Take action

Any Questions?

BREAK

Lab Assessment Exercise

Part 2: Physical & Other Hazards

Questions?
Open Discussion
Homework