

SAFETY BULLETIN

LABORATORY COATS

Laboratory coats are an important personal protective equipment (PPE) and should always be worn during active work in the laboratory; they help prevent contact with minor chemical or biological splashes or spills encountered in laboratory-scale work. They also help protect against fire, if selected from the proper fabric. Laboratory coats do more than provide an additional layer of protection. They are loose-fitting by design, so that in case of spill or splash they can be removed quickly to reduce the chance of contact with skin or clothing.

DO...

- ✓ WEAR A LAB COAT ALONG WITH PROPER GLOVES, EYE PROTECTION & CLOSED-TOED SHOES WHEN WORKING WITH HAZARDOUS MATERIALS (CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, RADIOACTIVE) TO PROTECT THE SKIN AND CLOTHING FROM SPILLS AND SPLASHES.
- ✓ KEEP THE COAT FULLY BUTTONED AND SLEEVES ROLLED DOWN.
- ✓ IMMEDIATELY REMOVE THE LAB COAT IF IT BECOMES CONTAMINATED. LAUNDER REGULARLY AND REPLACE IF YOU NOTICE SIGNS OF WEAR OR TEAR.

DON'T...

- ✗ WEAR LAB COATS AND GLOVES IN PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS OFFICES, CONFERENCE ROOMS, DINING AREAS OR ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE THE LAB WHERE THEY COULD BE A SOURCE OF CONTAMINATION.
- ✗ TAKE LAB COATS HOME FOR LAUNDERING OR CLEANING.
- ✗ WEAR A LAB COAT MADE FROM SYNTHETIC FABRICS IF THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR FIRE.

We kindly appreciate your cooperation in following this Safety Bulletin that benefits all the Research Community

For lab coat cleaning please contact:
distribution.warehouse@kaust.edu.sa

For questions on this Bulletin contact:
researchsafety@kaust.edu.sa