PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) is required equipment worn on a person to lower or eliminate the potential risk of bodily injury or infection. PPE is a safety measure used when administrative and engineering controls are not enough. The type of PPE is determined based on the hazards presented to each position. There is baseline PPE that is required to work in all wet laboratories regardless of the task you are doing (safety glasses and gloves). Lab coats provide greater protection from chemical and fire hazards than street clothes. Additional PPE will be required based on the type of research activity and must be supplied by your lab.

COMMON PPE:
- Gloves
- Safety glasses or goggles
- Lab coats
- Liquid resistant, closed toe shoes
- Face masks or shields
- Shoe covers
- Respirators

POTENTIAL HAZARDS:
- Chemical hazards
- Electrical hazards
- Environmental hazards
- Mechanical hazards
- Physical hazards
- Radiological hazards

WHAT TO DO!
- Always wear required PPE while actively working in your lab!
- Select glove material based on the chemical resistance. Check SDS for compatibility and glove selection chart.
- Ask your PI/supervisor if PPE is needed.
- Keep PPE clean, maintained, and properly fitted!
- Do not used damaged PPE, contact your PI/supervisor.
- Always use the right PPE for the job. Do not substitute!
- Bring PPE concerns and questions to your PI/supervisor.
- Direct additional questions or concerns to EHS.
- Report injuries to your supervisor immediately!
- In an emergency, call 911 and UOPD (541-346-2919) for immediate assistance!

*Does not act in place of official training. Contact EHS. Updated: 09/22