

## **Annual Lab Safety Training 2020**

Research group König

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# TRY NOT TO RUN WITH A LIT BUNSEN BURNER TOWARD AN EXPLOSIVE BARREL UNDER A HANGING RABBIT CAGE. https://weheartit.com/entry/139603084

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## Precautions Hotspots: Your personal protective equipment (PPE)

- Gloves
- → Material must be impermeable and resistant against the product / substance / preparation
- → Note the penetration time of the materia vs. your chemicals
- Safety glasses
- Closed shoes
- → Summertime: use second pair of closed lab shoes
- Lab coat vs. your regular clothes
- → More flame and chemical resistant
- → No contamination of others/ other rooms (e.g. kitchen)

When you forget closed-toe shoes for the lab



https://esmemes.com/i/some-girl-at-my-college-came-to-the-chemistry-lab-2224547



## Precautions Hotspots: PPE: Safety goggles



- → Group main topic: Working with LEDs
- → Orange lens offers protection against UV light, blue/green light up to 530 nm
- → Lens in your eye acts as focussing lens:





INCREASE LIGHT INTENSITY ON YOUR RETINA UP TO 500.000x!

**Working with light = working with safety glasses** 



## Precautions Hotspots: Hoods

The most important safety facility in the lab!!

Acts also as measure against spreading Covid-19!



- → Don't use it for storage of chemicals, unused things, bulky items
- → Close the sash every time it's possible
- → Best flow conditions:
  - Necessary distances: 10 cm to sash, 5 cm under apparatus, don't block rear panel of the hood
  - Working in the back area
  - Sash closed as far as possible
  - Use laboratory lift for hot plates, etc.
- → Don't run past quickly in front of the hood



#### Precautions Hotspots: Lab organization

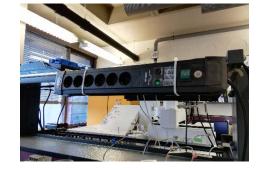
Take a look around in your lab:



- Do you have enough space to work or is your lab only a chemical stock?
- → Lent / unneeded chemicals back to stock/Ernst
- → Check your fridge and freezer for unused chemicials
- → Store toxic, hazardous chemicals and solvents (1L bottles) in the safety cabinets
- Electricity cooling water: no good partners
- → Reorganize your cables and socket strips!









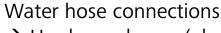


#### Precautions Hotspots: Lab equipment - miscellaneous





- High vacuum pump in the overnight lab
  - → NOT for solvent removal or drying compounds
    Use your lab vacuum line to remove the solvents
  - → Use <u>named</u> round bottom flask (no others)
  - → Use a joint sleeve or suitable grinding grease



→ Use hose clamps (plastic for glass connection, steel for metal connection like cooling block)







## Precautions Hotspots: Lab responsible person



- One responsible person for every lab
- Main task: Take a closer look in your lab on safety issues
  - Talk to labmates to follow the regulations
  - Take care that the safety regulations are implemented and followed
  - Report safety problems, e.g. broken devices etc.
  - Inform new employees in the laboratory of the applicable regulations and procedures (e.g. necessary official introduction of N<sub>2</sub>-task)
  - Keep an eye on the lab organization (e.g. waste, unused chemicals)
- New signs without phone number (data protection regulations)



## Precautions Hotspots: Chemical safety – storage - disposal

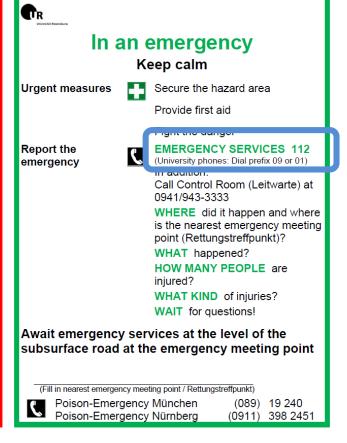
- Storage
- → Register stocked chemicals at removal in the list in the storage room
- → Lent / unneeded chemicals
  - from our group back to Ernst (also empty containers without storage number)
  - from other group back to the group
- → Store toxic, hazardous chemicals and solvents (1L bottles) in the safety cabinets
- Disposal
- → Bring old/not usable chemicals for disposal to Ernst
- → Chemical labelled waste containers to nightroom
  - Downstairs lab: direct to disposal service





## **Emergency Hotspots: Behaviour in emergency cases**







## **Emergency Hotspots:** First Aid

- Know the site of your emergency and eye showers!
- First Aid Cases
- $\rightarrow$  Big box in the night room (32.1.15)
- → Small box in the kitchen
- → Tell Britta, if something is running out of stock
- Skin contact with phenols, cresols and xylenols
- → Use PEG 400 in night room
- Hg-Kit also in the night room (under Biotage device)
- First responders in our group: Britta, Regina, Ernst, Julia, Uli





## **Emergency Hotspots:** Fire protection

- Do you know your fire protection equipment in your lab?
- Do you know our fire protection in our group?
- → Emergency shower
- → Fire alarm
- → Fire extinguisher
- → Gas masks
- → Meeting point in case of fire: parking area next to the nitrogen tank
- Fire protection assistants:
   Britta, Regina, Ernst, Rudi, Julia





## **Emergency Hotspots: Important places**

#### **Assembly point**



Re-entering is prohibited until the acoustic fire alarm has been shut off <u>and</u> explicit permission to re-enter the building

#### **Emergency meeting point**



- Case of emergency
- → Meeting point for ambulance, police



New emergency point during current construction sites



## **Hygiene and infection measures against SARS-CoV-2 spreading**

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#### Where to find information?

- Group specific hygienic concept and measures:
- → You get the concept at the first lab safety instruction with Ernst
- Available on our homepage: <a href="https://www.uni-regensburg.de/chemie-pharmazie/organische-chemie-koenig">www.uni-regensburg.de/chemie-pharmazie/organische-chemie-koenig</a>
- University specific information (some in English)
- → University homepage: <a href="https://www.uni-regensburg.de/interne-kommunikation/corona-infos">www.uni-regensburg.de/interne-kommunikation/corona-infos</a>
- Bavaria specific information in English
- → BR 24 homepage: <u>www.br.de/nachrichten/deutschland-welt/coronavirus-in-bavaria-assistance-in-english</u>





#### New QR codes and ventilation concept

- QR codes: Getting contact data from non-permanent group members
- → research students, members from othere groups for e.g. analysis, technicians, visitors, etc.)
- → Instruction next to the code
- → Research students: Registration before starting still necessary (Julia: Lab space availability and request to Corona Task force, Petra: usual registration)
- Ventilation concept specifically for every room
- → Information on the door



## Thanks for your attention! Don't forget to confirm your participation by your signature on the list at Ernst's lab!



