



HSC Safety Tips No. (1)

1. Your "Lab Coat" is the first item in your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) list. Thus, it should be worn **ONLY** when you need protection i.e. when you are in the laboratories and/or in the clinics. **Do NOT** wear lab coats in public places, such as offices, classrooms, canteens (cafeteria), lounges, meeting rooms or elsewhere, as they contaminate these areas with hazardous and infectious materials.
2. **Do NOT** wear lab coats unbuttoned. An open lab coat is an invitation for hazardous exposures. Avoid lab coats that have openings for access to pant pockets. This can compromise your safety.
3. **ALWAYS** consult the Manufacturer's Material Safety Data Sheet (MMSDS) prior to handling and storage of chemicals.
4. Your "Gloves" should be both suitable and compatible for the operation(s) performed in the laboratory and/or clinic.
5. **ALWAYS** wash your hands **before and after** removing your gloves.

