Revised Piranha Solution Use Policy:

The Division of Research Safety (DRS) recently revised their piranha waste generation, collection, and disposal procedures. DRS revised their policy due to some recent over-pressurization issues that jeopardized the safety of DRS waste staff. Due to the changes made by DRS, the SCS Piranha Solution Use Policy has been revised to reflect DRS piranha solution waste procedure changes.

The revised SCS Piranha Solution Policy is located here:
http://safety.scs.illinois.edu/docs/PiranhaPolicy2009.pdf
For piranha waste collection information, including forms, visit:
http://www.drs.illinois.edu/css/factsheets/PiranhaWaste.aspx

Questions regarding these procedures should be directed to the SCS Safety Office.

Personal Protective Equipment in Common Areas:

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) should not be worn in common areas of SCS buildings, including hallways, restrooms, and office areas. PPE that should not be worn in common areas includes lab coats, aprons, and gloves. The SCS Chemical Hygiene Plan states: “Lab coats or aprons should be removed prior to exiting the laboratory” and “Remove gloves prior to handling water/utility/door handles, or other surfaces likely to be touched with bare hands”.

www.almeidacartoons.com/Safe_toons1.html
Miscellaneous Safety Reminders and Information:

- If transporting or carrying chemicals in glass bottles greater than 250mL in volume, a bottle carrier or cart with side rails MUST be used.

- Laboratory employees should not only be aware of their own actions but also those of their coworkers (see SCS Chemical Hygiene Plan section III, A, 3). Immediately warn your coworker if they are doing something dangerous or violating laboratory rules. Speaking up could prevent an accident.

- Eye protection must be worn at ALL times while in the laboratory. Prescription glasses (even those with safety lenses) do not provide adequate eye protection, especially from the sides. A group safety representative recently recommended a specific type of fit-over safety glasses to the SCS Safety Office. These safety glasses fit comfortably over prescription glasses and meet ANSI standards. For further information see: [http://www.safetyglassesusa.com/guardian-fitover.html](http://www.safetyglassesusa.com/guardian-fitover.html)

Only the fit-over safety glasses with clear lenses are recommended by the SCS Safety Office.

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