CS CoP001 – Laboratory hygiene

- Eating, drinking, chewing gum and applying cosmetics is prohibited in all laboratory areas. Food should be consumed only in designated areas such as canteens, common rooms, etc.
- Smoking is prohibited in all University buildings.
- Food, and drinking or eating utensils must not be stored within laboratories.
- Laboratory refrigerators, freezers, ovens, etc. must never be used for food storage or preparation.
- Water supply points within a laboratory must never be used for drinking purposes.
- Laboratory glassware must never be used for food purposes.
- Mouth pipetting is prohibited in this University. Electric pipettes, bulbs, or aspirators should be used to pipette chemicals or start a siphon.
- Laboratory workers who handle hazardous substances should get into the habit of washing their hands frequently, especially before leaving the laboratory to eat or drink.
- Protective gloves should be rinsed before being removed and hands washed following work with any laboratory chemicals.
- Laboratory coats must not be worn on visits to shops, canteens, common rooms, libraries, telephone kiosks, general areas of the University or hospital ward areas.

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