

## EMERGENCY INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHEMISTRY TA'S

In case you encounter an emergency situation while teaching your lab, keep in mind the following guidelines:

- Stay calm and keep your class calm – don't panic.
- **Ask the stockroom attendant or a student to call 911 for help.** Do not leave an injured student alone.
- If it is necessary to evacuate the lab, do so in an orderly fashion. Group the students outside in a safe area, and do a head count.
- If a student is seriously cut, pressure should be applied using sterile gauze and/or paper towels, and if possible, elevate the cut area, unless instructed otherwise by the emergency personnel.
- If a student faints, first check for other injuries and then cover him or her with a blanket. When the student regains consciousness, move him or her to a safe area where he or she can sit or lie down.
- If a student is splashed in the eye with a chemical, bring the student to the nearest eyewash and flush the eye with water for 30 minutes.
- If a student is splashed with a corrosive chemical on the hand or arm, bring the student to the nearest sink and flush the area with water for at least 30 minutes.
- If a student is splashed with a corrosive chemical elsewhere on his/her body, bring the student to the nearest safety shower. To protect the student's modesty, the TA, stockroom attendant, or a designated student of the same gender should assist the student in removing clothing from the affected area. Ask the stockroom attendant for the blanket from the stockroom, and have other students hold it up as a curtain. Keep the student under the shower for at least 30 minutes.
- If a student's clothing or hair should catch fire, command them to "stop, drop, and roll." This means the student should immediately drop to the floor and roll so as to extinguish the flames.
- If a student should burn him or herself from a hot surface, assist the student in placing the burned area under cool water for at least 15 minutes.
- If a student is to be taken to an emergency room, if possible find out the destination. If appropriate, ask the student to contact the course coordinator as soon as convenient to provide an update on his or her condition.
- As soon as possible, the TA or the stockroom attendant should contact the course coordinator and Andy Dezaio to report the situation.

**Call 911 regardless of students wishes and allow the student to refuse medical treatment from the medical professionals.**