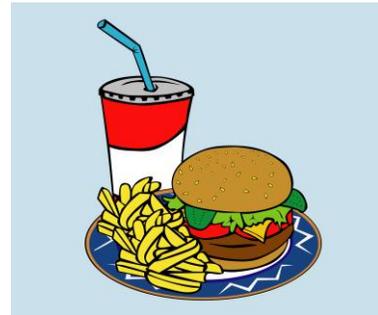


# UAB SAFETY SHORT

## A (Not So) Gentle Reminder.....

In order to comply with requirements set forth by **state and federal regulatory bodies** and **accrediting agencies** to reduce the potential for occupational exposure to hazardous biological, radioactive and chemical agents in the course of laboratory operations, it is laboratory best practices policy that:



- There shall be no eating, drinking, smoking, use of personal vaporizers (e-cigarettes), chewing of tobacco, chewing of gum, application of cosmetics, shaving, brushing of teeth, handling of contact lenses, or any activity which increases the risk of internal personnel contamination, in laboratories, animal facilities or other areas where biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals are used or stored.
- There shall be no mouth pipetting of biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or chemicals.
- Containers of food for human consumption shall not be permitted in laboratories where biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals are used or stored.
- Refrigerators or freezers used for storage of food for human consumption shall not be placed in laboratory areas where biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals are used or stored.
- Refrigerators or freezers used for storage of biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals shall not be used for storage of food, or any item intended for human consumption.
- Refrigerators or freezers used for the storage of animal feed shall not be used for storage of food for human consumption.
- Glassware or utensils used for laboratory procedures shall not be used for the preparation or consumption of food or beverages.
- Hands must be washed before and after any activity involving the use of biohazardous materials, radioactive materials, or hazardous chemicals.
- Gloves must be removed before leaving the laboratory or handling phones, door handles and other non-contaminated surfaces.

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## Please don't eat, drink or store food in the lab!

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