



School of Physical and Mathematical Sciences

Safety is a Joint Responsibility

If you are working in a group or a team in a laboratory, you are not only responsible for your own safety, but you also have a responsibility to your colleagues and lab mates. If you observe that someone in your lab (or another lab) is working in an unsafe way or not following safety rules (such as not wearing PPE), you have an obligation to tell them. If you do not tell them, you are negligent.

If you see any unsafe situation, you have an obligation to correct it, or to alert the person responsible, so that they can correct it. If you do not, you are negligent.

It is irrelevant if the person committing the unsafe act is “senior” to you. Accidents know no seniority. If you see the Chair of SPMS committing an unsafe act, you can correct him.

Safety is a shared responsibility of everyone working in SPMS. The excuse for inaction “that’s not mine” is invalid.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick Bates".

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