

LAB SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK

Chemical Storage

Best Practices for Chemical Storage are critical to ensure the community safety.

Maintain the safe and responsible use of chemicals, including waste, in an academic research setting, in line with state and federal regulations.

- Always consult your SDS for specific storage and segregation requirements for your chemicals and chemical hazardous waste.
- Store in groups based on their compatibility. Do not store your chemicals in alphabetical order, except within each hazard family.
- Store your flammable chemicals in flammable cabinets or fridges specifically designed for that storage purpose. Store in compatible containers that are in good condition.
- Label ALL chemicals with the full name of the chemical, date, and its hazards. This includes any in-house mixtures, samples, and waste. This is a regulatory requirement. Contact your lab safety to advise on proper labeling requirements.
- Review the chemical SDS to ensure having proper PPE before ordering a chemical This is critical to safely conduct experiments. Keep the community safe and ready for emergency response.

