



UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

EYE PROTECTION GUIDELINES

Faculty and staff are required to wear eye protection AT ALL TIMES in instructional and research laboratories. ANSI certified eye protection (e.g. goggles, safety glasses with splash shields, face shields, etc.) is mandatory. Students in all lower division instructional laboratories are required to wear goggles that are splash proof and indirectly vented. The department will provide, at no cost to the student, an anti-fog spray to be used if necessary. Wearing contact lenses is permitted in accordance with the American Chemical Society Subcommittee on Chemical Health and Safety, provided the wearer also wears splash proof and indirectly vented goggles. For upper division instructional laboratories and research laboratories, students are required to consult with the Instructor of Record or Principle Investigator for guidance as it relates to what type of eye protection is to be used. The Department of Chemistry upon the recommendation of the Department Safety Committee strongly recommends the use of NIOSH/ANSI certified eye protection for all exercises performed in any instructional and research setting. The Principle Investigator is responsible for setting and enforcing the appropriate level of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE). The above policy is in accordance with the 2018 University of South Alabama Chemical Hygiene Plan, listed under “Personal Protection”, page 5 and the 2018 University of South Alabama Hazard Communication Manual. Any exception to the policies stated above will be addressed on an individual basis by the Principle Investigator and, if appropriate, the University of South Alabama Safety and Environmental Compliance Committee.