

Depicting Research Safely

Basic considerations for research and laboratory spaces



Laboratories, Shops and Studios

- All individuals should be wearing safety glasses, whether doing work or not when the setting depicts an environment or a situation where a hazard is present.
- Gloves and a lab coat should be worn, as appropriate for the research materials being handled.
- No food or drink should be present.
- Everyone in the shoot should be using the appropriate personal protective equipment for the hazards present.

Other Locations

Appropriate personal protective equipment must be worn and protective barriers set in place when photos are taken in locations such as field work settings or “digs” that involve human/animal remains. Appropriate equipment and barriers are required in many settings to:

- Prevent falls.
- Protect people in or near trenches that are not properly sloped or shored.
- Protect people around hazardous equipment, on boats, working at heights and confined spaces.

For general media-related safety questions or clarification about research safety images, videos and what PPE is appropriate for the environment, contact imagesafety@umich.edu.

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