

## Programs Supported by the Joint Safety Team

The Joint Safety Team (JST) was formed in 2013 as a graduate student-led organization tasked with helping create a robust safety culture for the Chemistry and Biochemistry Department (CBC) at OSU. The JST works closely with the Faculty Safety Committee to address the safety concerns of both the faculty and students. This collaboration has resulted in the creation of various policies and roles including the lab coat policy and the Lab Safety Officer (LSO) position to increase laboratory safety conditions. These were among the initial steps the JST took to help reinforce the safety culture at OSU.

The JST continues to work and develop programs to make the CBC department even safer for its researchers. Two newer initiatives put forth by the JST are the annual spring-cleaning program and the new researcher safety checklist. The annual spring-cleaning program was established in 2020 as a way of encouraging labs to remove excess chemicals and equipment that are no longer needed. This event is held during the spring semester each year and offers additional resources for help in the removal of chemicals that are no longer needed or hazardous waste that may have accumulated. This is also a good opportunity to remove equipment from the lab that no longer functions and may be too difficult to dispose of during regular maintenance of the labs. This year's spring-cleaning will be held during the week of March 15-19<sup>th</sup>.

Another new program design by the JST is the safety checklist for new researchers in CBC. The safety checklist was implemented this semester as a way of supplementing already existing safety training that is required by the CBC department. This list is meant to emphasize various safety expectations set forth by the department while also drawing attention to additional safety measures that exist in each of the labs. With COVID-19 policies in place, it is critically important that every member of a lab knows who to contact in case of an emergency and the location of common safety tools in their labs including fire extinguishers, spill kit, first aid kit, and safety data sheets, among others.

The JST is always looking for new members and new ideas for safety!

### **Chemistry and Biochemistry Spring Cleaning**

The JST is hosting an annual spring cleaning for the department! Help keep your lab clean and safe!

**March 15-19<sup>th</sup>**

Additional help for hazardous waste disposal and old equipment removal will be available.

Waste: Don Tong: 614-597-3298

Equipment: Kevin Dill: dill.3@osu.edu

### **The JST is Recruiting!**

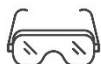
View our website at  
<https://chemistry.osu.edu/safety/jst>  
to learn more about the JST and to  
explore safety resources!

Board elections will be held in May!

Contact us at:  
[cbc-jst@lists.osu.edu](mailto:cbc-jst@lists.osu.edu) if you are  
interested in joining!

### **Safety with PPE**

Remember to always wear your  
PPE!



Check our website  
at:

[chemistry.osu.edu/safety/jst](https://chemistry.osu.edu/safety/jst)

for the PPE policies!



Follow CDC and OSU guidelines for  
COVID-19 safety tips!



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