

## Occupational health and safety (OH&S)

The University is committed to providing a safe and secure teaching and learning environment. In addition to specific requirements of this unit you should refer to the University's policy at:

[http://www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/ohs/pol\\_proc/ohs.pdf](http://www.admin.utas.edu.au/hr/ohs/pol_proc/ohs.pdf)

**In the School of Zoology**, we emphasise safe working practices in both the laboratory and the field. Any practical work is potentially hazardous but simple precautions will prevent any accident. In case of an emergency evacuation, follow your lecturer's instructions.

### Laboratory Safety

- **Laboratory coats** are to be worn for **ALL** laboratory classes in the School *unless specific instructions are given to the contrary*.
  - **You must wear shoes** that completely enclose your feet and provide some protection from a dropped scalpel blade or syringe needle, or from broken glass. You will be asked to leave class if you do not have adequate footwear. Thongs and open sandals must **NOT** be worn in a practical class. Under no circumstances is any person to be in the School with bare feet.
  - **No eating or drinking** is permitted in any laboratory in the School.
  - 'Sharps' (scalpel blades, syringe needles) must be deposited in the **special sharps containers** provided in each laboratory. They should NOT be placed in the rubbish bins.
1. Report any injuries to the person in charge of your practical class; trained first-aid officers are available to help you if necessary.
  2. Children are not permitted in any University laboratories.
  3. Only use equipment according to the instructions provided. If you are unsure of a correct procedure, ask a lecturer or demonstrator, or the laboratory technician.
  4. Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after using any animal-related material.