

# 1 **Laboratories and Shops - Eating, Drinking,** 2 **Smoking Prohibitions**

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## 6 **Introduction**

7 This policy protects the health of Iowa State University personnel, students and guests, by  
8 minimizing the potential for the accidental ingestion of hazardous materials.

9 Hazardous materials include hazardous chemicals, biological materials and radiological materials.

## 10 **Policy Statement**

11 Any activity that may result in the accidental ingestion of hazardous materials is prohibited; these  
12 include eating, drinking, smoking, vaping, chewing tobacco, applying cosmetics, or pipetting or  
13 siphoning by mouth.

14 Food items may not be stored in areas where hazardous materials are present.

15 Food items not intended for human consumption must be labeled "Not for human consumption".

16 This policy applies to laboratories, shops, chemical storage areas and other spaces containing  
17 hazardous materials.

## 18 **Resources**

### 19 **Links**

- 20 • [Laboratory Safety Manual](#)
- 21 • [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories \(BMBL\) 6th Edition](#)