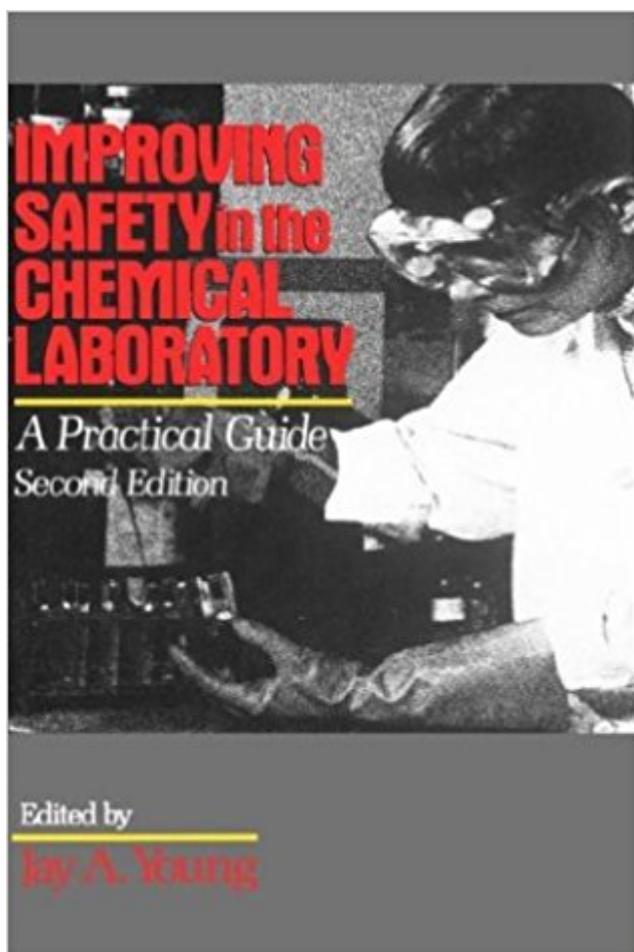


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Improving Safety In The Chemical Laboratory: A Practical Guide



Synopsis

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- * The 95 percent solution: the list of causes of laboratory accidents
- * Hazard categories: unsafe acts; unsafe conditions
- * Selecting and maintaining personal protective conditions
- * Accident handling
- * Classes of fuels and fires
- * Preventing and extinguishing fires
- * Toxic effects of chemicals
- * Recognition of and treatment for exposure
- * Chemical specific safety protocol
- * Storage of lab chemicals
- * Safe disposal of hazardous waste
- * Personal protective equipment in the laboratory
- * Improving hood performance
- * Designing safety into new or renovated laboratories

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Changes to this Second Edition reflect the myriad of improvements in the practice of safety in the chemical lab during the last three years. Changes due to the promulgation of the OSHA Laboratory Standard (U.S.), the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System (Canada), and the Control of Substances Hazardous to Health Regulations (U.K.) are reflected in this edition. A new chapter on personal protective equipment has been added. Appendices treat the hazards of handling flammable, reactive, corrosive, toxic and physical materials; the precautions that laws and regulations that must be incorporated into lab work; the protection of persons through air monitoring and protective equipment; and the essentials of space design for minimizing laboratory hazards.

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This "practical guide" contains a wealth of information. Chapters on Materials Safety Data Sheets and labeling, training programs and drills, flammability and combustibility, storage of laboratory chemicals, federal regulations, safe disposal of chemical waste, laboratory design, and fume hoods were the most useful, in my opinion. The chapter that listed causes of accidents was not very helpful, except as a checklist of things to avoid, and the penultimate chapter on using audiovisual materials in safety training was short and outdated. The fume hood chapter, which was actually a good read, was obviously written by someone who knows a lot about chemical fume hoods and should probably be required reading for anyone involved in building or renovating a laboratory.

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