

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

Here are common findings throughout SVM:

- Make sure your lab space is free of clutter and you have easy access to an exit
- Make sure access to the fire extinguisher and eye wash/shower are not blocked
- Make sure there are no flammable materials in non-flammable fridges or freezers (**this includes Ethanol and Methanol**)
- Make sure your chemicals are segregated accordingly
- Make sure you have gas cylinders are properly chained and capped when not in use; also proper tubing for respective gases are being used
- Make sure you aren't using surge protectors for appliances – coffee pots, microwaves, fridges, freezers, etc. – these need to be plugged directly into the wall outlet
- Make sure flammable cabinets are auto-closing (work orders can be put in with the lock shop if they are not)

Just a few things NOT TO DO that others have been cited for in SVM Buildings:

DO NOT store all your empty boxes in the aisle and cluttered around your freezers

DO NOT store ANY Methanol or Ethanol in your Non-Flammable fridges or freezers (Fire Prevention does look inside and they will just take out the container – there are no exceptions)

DO NOT have waste in your fumehoods without WASTE tags or without secondary containment

DO NOT store items directly below sprinkler heads – there needs to be 18" of clearance

Make sure if your -20 freezer is super icy, to take the time to defrost it on a regular basis