

## Ultraviolet (UV) Light Hazards

Excessive exposure to UV light can damage skin and eye tissue. In our laboratory, UV light is used for germicidal in numerous biological safety cabinets and in a UV viewbox in the Toxicology lab. All devices are tagged with safety labels to alert the user.

### I. Goals:


The following regulations are intended to ensure the safe use of UV light emitting devices in the Pathology Department.


### II. Enforcement:

Supervisors and Section Directors are responsible for enforcement of the regulations.

### III. Regulations:

Take precautions as follows:

Biological Safety Cabinets	
Never work in the hood when the germicidal lamp is on.	
Only use the germicidal lamp when the room is unoccupied.	
Always completely close the hood's sash when the light is on.	

View box in Toxicology	
Do not defeat the side shields. Make sure they are completely closed when UV lamp is in use.	
Place items inside before activating the UV lamp.	