

## 11.0 GENERAL SAFETY

- Safety takes the highest priority at BTI.
- Communicate with the Greenhouse Manager or your [BTI Safety Committee representative](#) when you see an unsafe condition or act.
- Cooperate with the Greenhouse Manager to ensure your own safety, as well as that of your colleagues.
- Know the location of all safety equipment, including fire extinguishers, emergency showers and eyewashes, phones, and first aid kits.
- Know the emergency evacuation procedure for your area.
- Know where to find safety information, including material safety data sheets and pesticide labels.
- Know where emergency phone numbers are posted. (see <http://www.ehs.cornell.edu>)
- Wear closed-toed shoes.
- Do not bring any food or drinks into plant growth areas or areas of possible pesticide contamination.
- Attend Worker Protection Standard training if you will work with pesticide treated plant materials.
- Wear gloves and wash hand after handling pesticide treated plant material in a growth facility
- Only a commercial pesticide apprentice, certified commercial technician, or certified commercial pesticide applicator may make pesticide applications at BTI and Cornell.

### Chemical Use Policy

- To comply with the [Hazard Communication Standard](#), all chemicals in the growth facility area need full labels on the containers. MSDS sheets need to be immediately available. Lab chemicals should not be stored in greenhouses, growth chambers, or lockers and should not be left unattended in these areas.
- If there is a chemical spill in the growth facility, follow the Emergency Procedures Guide, which can be found in the Greenhouse Central Posting Area and other points throughout the building. Contact greenhouse staff to assist with the emergency or help with spill clean up.

For pesticide spills, follow the [CALS spill clean up guidelines](#).

- **Remember, ALWAYS use secondary containment to prevent spills.**