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SAFETY IN BIOLOGICAL LABORATORIES
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The biology curator building a library on the health and safety aspects of his work, could usefully add this introductory, 68-page text published by the Biochemical Society to his shopping list.

The book begins with those elementary laboratory precautions often omitted from more specialised works, yet which judging from personal observation are neglected or unknown to many working in museums. Incorporating sections on the handling of glassware, protective clothing, chemical dispensing and storage, this basic information should be particularly useful to anyone with a non-scientific background.

Thereafter successive chapters, written by specialist contributors, are concerned with the particular hazards associated with electricity and fire, the animal house, carcinogens, radiation and microbes. Each chapter contains references for further reading.

Whether as safety officer for the management or union side of his department, or as a curator drawing up codes of practice for his laboratory or workshop, most of us will find something of value in this book.

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