

Fume hood tips ~

Equipment that is not used properly cannot protect you.



Are your hoods alarming? Are they wind tunnels?

Never disable a fume hood alarm. Not only is it illegal, the alarm is telling you the hood's airflow velocity is not high enough to capture contaminants which may harm you.

Always work at least 6" inside the hood to capture contaminants.

If the hood does alarm, first check that the sash is at or below the arrow (or stop on the side of the hood).

Immediately stop using a hood and send a work order to fmhelp.ucmerced.edu for:

- any hood that continues to alarm despite the efforts mentioned above
- any hood with a face velocity over 150 fpm
- any digital monitor that is blank , displays "air fail", or reads less than 100 fpm
- any hood with a certification sticker dated more than a year ago