

HANDLING OF GLASSWARE

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Handle and store glassware carefully so as not to damage it or yourself

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Properly discard or repair damaged items

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When inserting glass tubing into rubber stoppers or corks and when placing rubber tubing on glass hose connections, use adequate hand protection

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Lubricate tubing or stopper with water or glycerol and be sure that the ends of the glass tubing are fire-polished

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Hold hands close together to limit movement of glass should fracture occur

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Substitute plastic or metal connections for glass ones whenever possible to decrease the risk of injury

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For vacuum work, use only glassware designed for that purpose

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When dealing with broken glass; wear hand protection when picking up the pieces

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Use a broom to sweep small pieces into a dustpan package it in a rigid container (i.e. corrugated cardboard box) labeled "Broken Glass" and seal to protect housekeeping personnel from injury.

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Never attempt glass-blowing operations without proper facilities