

Use of earbuds, earphones and/or headphones within Chemistry Dept. labs and service areas:

- a)** Use of earbuds, earphones and/or headphones is restricted in labs (including office areas) and service areas (including office areas). **When working in labs and service areas, workers/students must leave one ear unobstructed to ensure their ability to hear ambient sounds within the work area, calls for assistance, emergency alarms and/or other threats.**
- b)** Excessive sound output may drown out environmental sounds workers/students need to hear for their safety and for the safety of others in the work area. **The volume of sound must not be so high as to restrict their ability to hear ambient sounds in the work environment.**
- c)** Workers/students are not allowed to wear headphones over required ear protection.
- d)** This policy does not apply or restrict the use of ear/hearing protection required to be worn when working in high noise environments.