



Laboratories at Adventist Healthcare White Oak Medical Center, Shady Grove Medical Center and Germantown Emergency Center

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# **LABORATORY ALERT**

**Subject: Safety Reminders**

*The Laboratory is informing you of the following:*

<b>Policy Reminders:</b>	<p>Fire extinguishers must be visible and accessible at all times.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do NOT block extinguishers</li><li>• Do NOT hang lab coats on hooks that will cover an extinguisher (either the hooks or extinguisher will be moved soon at SGMC)</li></ul> <p>The laboratory doors that open into the corridor and the doors for storage areas / rooms must be kept closed at all times. Do NOT prop these doors open.</p>
<b>Explanation:</b>	<p>Open doors are a life safety code violation. Why?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Doors into storage areas are designed to provide protection and containment in the event of a fire.</li><li>• Corridor doors maintain a negative pressure, when open it throws the HVAC balance out of alignment.</li></ul>
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