Safety in the Stall

8 Reasons to Wear a Lab Coat

1. If something splashes onto your lab coat or your coat catches on fire – you can easily take the coat off. It is more difficult to remove contaminated clothing.

2. Many lab coats are fire resistant.

3. The pockets mean you’ll never need to search for a pen.

4. Lab coats protect your skin from spills and splashes that occur in the laboratory.

5. You can get lab coats with special features, like static-control, wrist cuff and back ties, to fit your specific application.

6. Lab coats protect your regular clothing from dirt and nonobvious contamination in the lab.

7. Lab coats with sleeves rolled down and all buttons buttoned make you look like a serious scientist (if you’re also wearing safety goggles and gloves you are a SMART scientist).

8. If you are wearing your lab coat, the safety coordinator or your TA won’t stop you and ask “Where’s your lab coat?”