SAFETY SYMBOLS

Your textbook uses safety symbols to alert you to possible lab dangers. These symbols are explained below. Be sure you understand each symbol before you begin an activity.



DISPOSAL ALERT This symbol appears when care must be taken to dispose of materials properly.



ANIMAL SAFETY This symbol appears whenever live animals are studied and the

safety of the animals and the student must be ensured.



BIOLOGICAL SAFETY This symbol appears when there is danger involving bacteria, fungi, or protists.



RADIOACTIVE SAFETY This symbol appears when radioactive materials are used.



OPEN FLAME ALERT This symbol appears when use of an open flame could cause a fire or an explosion.



CLOTHING PROTECTION SAFETY

This symbol appears when substances used could stain or burn clothing.



THERMAL SAFETY This symbol appears as a reminder to use caution when handling hot objects.



FIRE SAFETY

This symbol appears when care should be taken around open flames.



SHARP OBJECT SAFETY This symbol appears when a danger of cuts or puncture caused by the use of sharp objects exists.



EXPLOSION SAFETY

This symbol appears when the misuse of chemicals could cause an explosion.



FUME SAFETY

This symbol appears when chemicals or chemical reactions could cause dangerous fumes.



EYE SAFETY

This symbol appears when a danger to the eyes exists. Safety goggles should be worn when this symbol appears.



ELECTRICAL SAFETY This symbol appears when care should be taken when using electrical equipment.



POISON SAFETY

This symbol appears when poisonous substances are used.



PLANT SAFETY This symbol appears when poisonous plants or plants

with thorns are handled.



CHEMICAL SAFETY

This symbol appears when chemicals used can cause burns or are poisonous if absorbed through the skin.