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TIPS FOR A CORRECT EDUCATION IN CLEANROOM

TIPS:

- 1** The order of your preparation matters. For instance, if you put on your gloves and then use your hands to gather your hair and put it under a cap, the gloves will have oil and skin flecks on the outsides from your hair. Ask what the correct procedure is. If you're still not sure, go from inside to outside, and dirtiest to cleanest.
- 2** Smokers will be subject to stringent regulations as to where they may smoke. A "standard" procedure requires smokers to exit the building, then only smoke in designated areas at least 100 yards (100 metres) from the building, then wait at least five minutes after smoking before re-entering the facility.
- 3** If you visit a cleanroom you do not normally enter, find out the correct procedure for gowning.
- 4** If the cleanroom deals with electronics, you may need to follow additional procedures to cut down on electrostatic discharge (ESD) for sensitive items.
- 5** Always ask for instructions from others who work in or maintain the cleanroom, and follow those instructions rather than these ones, if they differ.
- 6** If there is an airlock or gowning room on the way in, open only one door at a time.
- 7** Get cleanroom attire that is the correct size for you. You will be much more comfortable working in a suit that fits, especially if you spend a lot of time in it.
- 8** Try on smocks, bunny suits, and shoe covers or ask to be measured for them when you first start. Use the included snaps to adjust the size further.
- 9** Learn what size gloves you wear. If your hands sweat in latex gloves, see if you can get fabric glove liners to go underneath.
- 10** Get prescription safety glasses if you wear glasses. Your employer may offset the cost, and they are far more comfortable than wearing safety glasses over your glasses.
- 11** Hair and beard covers generally come in only one size.

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WARNINGS:

- 1** In the event of a fire or evacuation alarm, do not stop to remove your cleanroom attire. Follow posted exit routes if available and directly exit the facility. After emergency is over, obtain new cleanroom attire before entering the cleanroom once more.
- 2** Understand any safety issues involved in working in a cleanroom. There may be hazardous materials, heavy equipment, high temperatures, sharp objects, tight spaces, and high voltage. If you are working alongside any of these or other hazards, be sure you are properly trained for them. Understand and follow the proper precautions.
- 3** Never eat, drink or smoke in cleanroom.

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