Summer Clothing and Lab Safety

It’s that time again - with 90° days, shorts, tee shirts, sandals are a must if you spend your time out of doors. But when you work in a research laboratory, is it really smart?

Take a look at this lab worker; she has the right idea.

At UAB and in research labs around the country, proper lab attire includes the use of lab coats, closed-toe shoes (no sandals or fabric shoes), and pants or skirts that come at least to the knee. Avoid polyester or other synthetic materials that may dissolve upon contact with solvents.

Why no sandals, Berkies or flip flops in the lab? Here are two good reasons...

Along with proper lab attire, add personal protective equipment (PPE) appropriate for the activity you are about to perform and you’re all set. And don’t forget to add that smile...you’re never fully dressed without it.

Have a safe and happy summer.