The following incident occurred July 18th at approximately 5pm. Fortunately, the student's awareness and training kicked in and prevented serious injury.

While removing air bubbles from a syringe containing methanol, a small quantity of methanol was released and entered the student's left eye. The student was wearing safety glasses at the time....but not safety goggles. As soon as the incident occurred, the student immediately used the eye wash station and flushed out the methanol by holding their eyes in the eye wash for approximately 10 minutes. The student then immediately contacted the Laboratory Coordinator, Laboratory Manager and Faculty Associate. The student was driven to Student Health but it was closed. The student then was driven to a nearby Urgent Care facility for further examination and treatment.

The student has no eye damage and has been instructed to wear full chemical goggles when dispensing methanol or working with any hazardous chemicals. All students in the area recently were given a training course on how to properly use the emergency eye wash station and safety shower. This training provided the student with the necessary knowledge to properly operate the eye wash station and prevent serious injury to their eyes.

Lessons learned include:

- Ensure you are wearing appropriate PPE;
- Ensure you know the location of, and how to properly operate eye wash stations, safety showers, and fire extinguishers.
- Evaluate hazards involved with working alone, and avoid working alone when working with hazardous materials or equipment unless procedures are in place and approved by your PI or laboratory manager; and
- Seek advice / help when you have a question, especially when dealing with a laboratory accident or near miss.