Battelle Memorial Institute, which manages 6 Department of Energy National Laboratories and one for the Department of Homeland Security, operates under a series of principles called “Safe Conduct of Research.” [See this link.] SCoR, as they call it, allows Battelle to standardize cultural factors between the different laboratories it manages, and it sets forth 8 principles that researchers can use to determine if they are working under a safe lab culture [principles from The Safe Conduct of Research, v17]:

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Everyone is personally responsible for ensuring safe operations.
- Leaders value the safety legacy they create in their discipline.
- Staff raise safety concerns because trust permeates the organization.
- Cutting-edge science requires cutting-edge safety.
- A questioning attitude is cultivated.
- Learning never stops.
- Hazards are identified and evaluated for every task, every time.
- A healthy respect is maintained for what can go wrong.

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. How many of these attitudes prevail in your lab?
2. On what do you think you need to work?
3. What other attitudes can you develop to promote a safer lab space?

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