

THE FOLLOWING TIPS CAN HELP PREVENT INJURIES WHEN OPERATING AN AUTOCLAVE:

BEFORE THE CYCLE

- Make sure all users are trained prior to operating any autoclave.
- Only load materials that are compatible with the autoclave.
- Before loading containers of liquids into the autoclave, loosen the caps.
- Ensure that the autoclave door is closed and locked before beginning the cycle.

AFTER THE CYCLE

- When the cycle is complete, open the door cautiously.
- Do not remove items from an autoclave until they have cooled completely.
- Wear appropriate personal protective equipment, including a lab coat, eye protection, closed-toe shoes, and heat-resistant gloves to remove items.
- Use forceps or other tools to remove sharp instruments from autoclaves.