

This guidance was developed to promote the absence of drinks and food in laboratories while maintaining compliance with life safety and accessibility codes. Drinks in closed containers are permitted to be placed or “parked” on authorized tables. Food is NOT permitted on these surfaces and shall be stored in assigned breakrooms.

Rules for parked drinks at the entrance of laboratories.

- Tables requires pre-approval.
 - 1st Step – Department Executive Administrator
 - 2nd Step – Building Manager
 - 3rd Step – ORS/EHS review and approval
- Table or stand (with drinks) in alcoves
 - Tables may be wooden with fire retardant qualities or metal.
 - Shall not hamper the swing of doors
 - Dimensions shall not protrude into the corridor or exceed 22” (depth) x 16” (wide) x 24” (tall)
 - Shall not obstruct fire or life safety equipment (e.g., fire extinguishers, pull stations, eye wash stations)
 - Shall not obstruct signage (e.g., room number, hazard signs, emergency shut-off location)
 - No electronics, wiring, or appliances are permitted on these tables
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- Furniture fire resistive rating must comply with University’s Fire Resistive Rating for Furniture, Scenery, and Decoration [policy](#)

Sample of fire resistive rating of a wooden table

UNDERWRITERS LABORATORIES® CLASSIFIED FIRE RETARDANT 79P1 SURFACE BURNING CHARACTERISTICS	
Surface	Douglas Fir
Flame Spread	45
Smoke Developed	65
Number of Preliminary Coats	None
Rate Per Coat (sq. ft./gal.)	-
Number of Fire Retardant Coats	1
Rate Per Coat (sq. ft./gal.)	300
Number of Overcoats	None
Rate Per Coat (sq. ft./gal.)	-



Sample table

