A305 Safety Rules

This class requires working with telescopes on the roof of Swain West. You must follow all safety rules and procedures. Students who fail to follow safety procedures or who endanger themselves, other students, or the equipment will no longer be allowed to use the telescopes.

- Two people should be present on the roof when the telescopes are operated by undergraduate students.

- If lightening is seen or thunder is heard, even at a great distance, immediately stow and shut down the telescope, close the dome, and leave the roof.

- Do not open the telescope if it is raining or threatening to rain. Close immediately if rain threatens.

- Do not open the telescope in foggy conditions, and close immediately if fog threatens. If the humidity is high, monitor the corrector lens for condensation, and close if condensation appears.

- Do not operate the telescope after consuming alcohol or drugs.

- Follow all standard procedures for opening, operating, and closing the telescopes.

- Be especially careful to check cables and anything on the floor before moving the telescope. Don't snag the cables or move the telescope into stools.

- Make sure the door to the roof is closed and locked when you are through using the telescope.