

Acknowledgement of Safety Procedures

12 Meter Observers

We expect all observers and visitors to the site to read and abide by these rules.

1. The Telescope Operator on duty is the only person allowed to operate the telescope.
2. Observers are not to be on the telescope unless the duty operator has specifically authorized them to be there.
3. Safety chains and rails have been installed at the entrance to the observing rooms. They are there to prevent you from walking into any possible pinch points or dangerous areas.
4. Do not stand in the red areas because parts of the telescope and dome that move in those areas could injure you severely.
5. Do not touch the yellow curtains around the inside wall of the dome. Behind them are exposed 480-volt power lines.
6. Please abide by all printed and posted safety rules such as “No Smoking” and “Do Not Enter This Area” posters, etc.
7. Only the telescope operator or other qualified ARO employees are allowed to operate the manlift. Observers may ride in the manlift if authorized to do so by the duty operator.
8. Hard hats are required for all persons in the dome area if someone is working above or in the manlift. The hats are located on the wall just outside of the observing room door.
9. When walking outside to the dormitories or the lab at night, please be sure to carry a flashlight. You may encounter steps, drop-offs, or hungry wild animals.
10. The consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is absolutely forbidden in the lab and telescope/control room areas.
11. Ice, rocks, and rock slides are frequently a hazard on the roads and walkways. Cattle and horses cross Highway 386 and several have been hit. Please drive and walk carefully.

12. Please drive very slowly and carefully in all NOAO and ARO parking or road areas. Pedestrians, including small children seem to leap out at cars on a regular basis.

13. A more complete list of safety rules and recommendations is available in the observers' lounge and from the telescope operator. You might find it interesting reading, although not required.

Your signature below indicates that you understand and will follow these procedures.

Print Name

Signature

Date