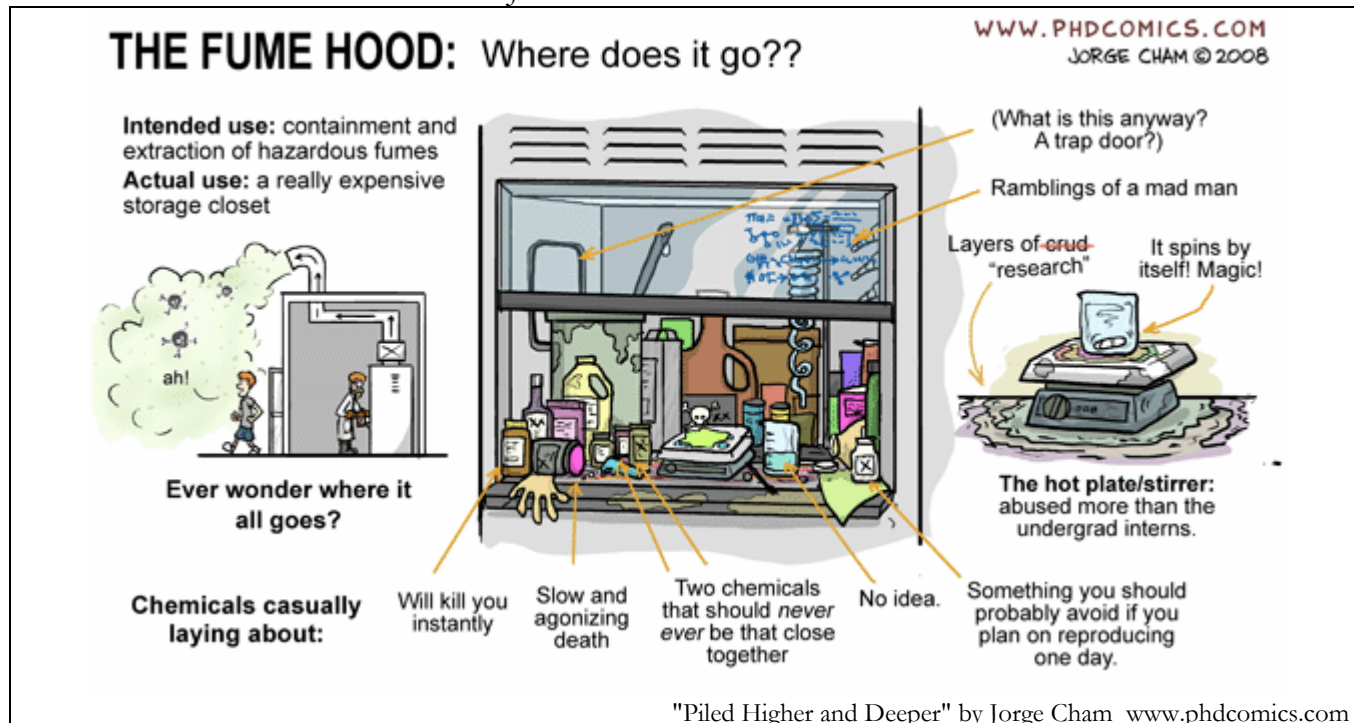


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(No, our fume hoods don't vent to the hallways!)

Don't let your hood look like this! Keep these safety tips in mind:

- Always make sure the hood is operating prior to use.
- Only place materials used in the current procedure in the hood. A fume hood is not designed for storage of hazardous materials!
- Keep the slots and baffles, located on the rear wall of the hood, free of obstruction by keeping containers and beakers toward the middle of the hood or elevated from the work surface.
- Do not put your head in the hood while hazardous materials are being used.
- Wear your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) even when using the hood.
- Do not evaporate hazardous waste in a fume hood (or anywhere).
- Keep all work about 6 inches inside the hood.
- Always operate with the sash as low as possible; this helps protect you against chemical splashes and explosions.
- If your hood alarm goes off, contact Facilities Management to have the problem corrected and discontinue work until the problem has been solved.
- Never allow objects (paper, foil, etc.) to be sucked up into the fume hood ducting
- Keep the sash closed except when doing work that requires attendance.
- To save energy, turn off the lights in the hood when not in use.

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