Prevent burns and exposures by following safety guidelines when operating autoclaves.

1. **Wear PPE** when handling biohazardous items.

2. **Loosely close** biohazard bags and bottles; place in an autoclavable bin.

3. **Stand back** and allow the autoclave to **fully vent** before opening the door.

4. When removing sterile, hot items, use **thermal gloves**.