



WAKE FOREST
UNIVERSITY

Lab Safety

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Eye and Face Protection

- Safety glasses, goggles or face shields must be worn any time work involves handling hazardous materials or engaging in hazardous activities.

Body Protection

- Full length pants and closed toe shoes must be worn at all times within the laboratory.
- Open toe shoes are prohibited at all times in the laboratory.
- Lab coat must be worn when working with hazardous materials.

Hand Protection

- Protective gloves must be worn while working with any hazardous materials.
- Refer to the material Safety Data Sheet to determine to the type of glove to be worn.
- Refer to manufacturer specifications to determine break through time for chemicals in use.
- Replace gloves often and do not re-use.
- After removing gloves, wash hands with warm water and soap.
- Wear the right gloves for the job (examples: Cryogenic gloves for dry ice or liquid N₂, Nitrile or Neoprene gloves chemicals, Hot Mitts for autoclave work.).

Where to Wear

- Personal protective equipment may not be worn outside the laboratory area.
- Gloves must be removed prior to exiting the lab.
- Do not wear gloves when working with computers, on door handles or in elevators.

For more information:

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