

PROTECTIVE ATTIRE WHILE MIXING CONCENTRATED, TOXIC COMPOUNDS

Standard Practices

1. Doors to animal rooms shall open inward, be self-closing, and be kept closed when biohazardous substances or agents are present.
2. Work surfaces shall be decontaminated after use or spills of biohazardous substances or agents.
3. Eating, drinking, smoking, and storing of food for human use will not be permitted in animal rooms.
4. Personnel shall wash hands after handling biohazardous substances or agents and animals and before leaving the animal room.
5. All procedures shall be carefully performed to minimize the creation of aerosols.
6. An insect and rodent control program shall be in effect.

Special Practices

1. Laboratory coats, masks, gowns, or uniforms will be worn while in the animal room. This protective clothing is removed before leaving the animal facility.
2. The laboratory or animal facility director must limit access to animal rooms to personnel who have been advised of the potential hazard and who need to enter the room for program or service purposes when work is in progress. In general, persons who may be at increased risk of contamination are not allowed in the animal room.
3. The laboratory or animal facility director shall establish policies and procedures whereby only persons who have been advised of the potential hazard and meet any specific requirements may enter the animal room.
4. When a biohazardous substances or agent(s) is in use in an animal room special entry provisions are required, a hazard warning sign, incorporating the universal biohazard symbol, shall be posted on the access door to the animal room. The hazard warning sign identifies the infectious agent, lists the name and telephone number of the animal facility supervisor or other responsible person(s), and indicates the special requirement(s) for entering the animal room.
5. Special care shall be taken to avoid skin contamination with biohazardous substances or agents; gloves should be worn when handling animals and when skin contact with hazardous materials is unavoidable.

6. The animal facility shall be designed and constructed to facilitate cleaning and housekeeping. Disposable papers on exposed surfaces should be used and discarded properly.
7. A hand washing sink shall be available in the room where animals are housed.
8. It is recommended, but not required, that the direction of airflow in the animal facility is inward and that exhaust air is discharged to the outside without being recirculated to other rooms.