



**Animal Facility SOP 46.2
Laboratory Safety.**

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Purpose

IV. General rules for working in lab

When working in the animal facility, staff will be exposed to health hazards, and could expose animals in the lab to potential health hazards if they don't take the necessary precautions.

A. Attire. Animal husbandry staff are required to wear clean scrub top and pants, closed toe shoes and socks. Outside clothes are to be stored in the staff cabinets in the vestibule. Staff will wash used facility clothes in the in-house washer and dryer. Staff should use good personal hygiene to avoid cross-contamination.

Other Animal Users. When entering the animal housing rooms, surgery rooms or other designated rooms, facility users must wear personal protective equipment (PPE). PPE includes laboratory gown, shoe covers and gloves. Safety glasses must be worn in areas where chemical spills or splashes will occur. Full or half face respirators must be evaluated by Occupational Health and Safety before they can be worn as regular attire. Shorts, open toed shoes, or bare midriff shirts are not appropriate attire and anyone that does not abide by the dress code will not be allowed to enter the vivarium.

B. Unhealthy habits

Staff will not use tobacco products, smoke, apply contact lenses, apply cosmetics, eat, drink, chew gum, or touch nose, mouth, or eyes in the animal or testing rooms. No eating is allowed in the vivarium and staff can drink water only in a designated area. All food and related trash must be consumed and disposed of outside the vivarium and is not allowed in trash cans inside the facility.

C. Other Considerations

Please note: Individuals who are immune compromised or pregnant are encouraged to consult with their healthcare provider before consideration of work in the laboratory.

Hazards

[Hazards in the laboratory](#)

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Accident Report and Investigation Form

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