

University of South Carolina
GLOVE POLICY FOR COMMON AREAS

Gloves must be worn by laboratory workers as personal protection against exposure to hazardous chemicals and potentially infectious biological materials. Glove use, however, must be restricted to laboratory areas to prevent the spread of contaminants to common areas outside of the laboratory.

Gloves must **never** touch door knobs, elevator buttons, faucets, telephones, and other common surfaces outside of the laboratory.



DO NOT WEAR GLOVES in non-laboratory areas: hallway, elevator, bathroom, offices and other common areas.

When transporting hazardous materials, package the items so that the outer packaging can be handled without gloves, i.e. use non-breakable, leak-proof secondary container and/or cart for large load.

WEAR GLOVES ON ONE HAND ONLY when gloves are necessary for transport. Use gloved hand to handle the items being transported and **the other ungloved hand** to operate elevators, door knobs and other common surfaces.