

BL2 Laboratory Practices

1. Keep laboratory door closed.
2. Post universal biohazard label on equipment where infectious agents are used/stored.
3. Allow only persons informed of the research to enter BL2 areas.
4. Keep animals not used in BL2 experiment out of the laboratory.
5. Do not smoke, eat, drink, or store food in BL2 areas.
6. Wear laboratory gowns or coats when appropriate.
7. Do not mouth pipette. Use mechanical pipetting devices.
8. Use procedures that minimize aerosol formation.
9. Avoid using hypodermic needles.
10. Use biological safety cabinets to contain aerosol-producing equipment.
11. Wash hands after completing experimental procedures and before leaving laboratory.
12. Disinfect work surfaces daily and immediately after a spill.
13. Decontaminate all biological wastes before discard. Decontaminate other contaminated materials before washing, reuse, or discard.
14. For off-site decontamination, package contaminated materials in closed, durable, leakproof containers.
15. Control insect and rodent infestations.
16. Keep areas neat and clean.