

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES
DIVISION OF COMPARATIVE MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

SOP#: 1008.14

Date Issued: 10/98

Date Revised: 8/23

Page 1 of 3

TITLE:

Use of Personal Protective Equipment

SCOPE:

7. When handling biohazard bags
 - a. Gloves must be worn when handling biohazard bags.
 - b. Gloves are removed immediately after handling biohazard bags, and before handling anything else (e.g., moving biohazard/trash cart). Gloves are re-donned before disposing of the biohazard bag in the red trash bins.
8. Foot protection.
 - a. Work shoes dedicated to use in a specific facility, or area of a facility, are required for those with significant animal contact.
 - b. Comparative Medicine will reimburse each full-time employee for the cost of 2 pairs of shoes not to exceed \$150/pr. Shoes must remain at work and must be replaced as needed but not more frequently than every six months.
 - c. Steel-toe shoes are highly recommended for those moving cage racks or working with large cages.
 - d. Slip/water resistant rubber soled shoes or water resistant shoe covers are recommended for working in cagewash and wet animal rooms.
9. Eye protection.
 - a. Eye protection (e.g., safety glasses, goggles, or face shields) must be worn when working with concentrated chemicals, corrosive materials, or agents that could contact the eye via accidental splash or spray when not working in a fume hood or Biological Safety Cabinet.
 - b. Eye protection must be worn when performing procedures that could result in frog tank water coming in contact with the eyes.
 - c. All staff must be familiar with the location of eye wash bottles and eye wash stations strategically located throughout facilities.
 - d. Eye wash stations shall be flushed weekly and the name and date of the individual recorded on the card attached to the station.
10. Hearing Protection
 - a. All personnel are offered the opportunity to participate in the Hearing Conservation Program. Participation by personnel assigned to or working in designated hazardous noise areas (e.g., clean or dirty-side cagewash area) is encouraged.
 - b. Personnel are recommended to wear their choice of a suitable ear protection device (i.e., ear plugs and/or earmuffs) when their duties require them to be in the cagewash area when cagewash equipment is operating.
 - c. Hearing protection use is also recommended whenever duties require working in areas of excessive noise.

IV. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

1. Proper use of personal protective equipment can reduce on-the-job injuries.

Approved:

Date: