



Personal Hygiene Requirements When Conducting Animal Activities

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PURPOSE

An important factor in protecting the health of personnel engaged in animal activities is personal hygiene. This policy implements the importance hygiene practices that must be followed to mitigate risks against zoonotic agents found naturally in experimental animals as well as hazardous materials used experimentally in approved studies.

POLICY

1. Hands must be washed with soap and water after completing activities associated with animals;
2. Work clothes must not to be worn outside the animal facility, other than when traveling between decentralized facilities. Work clothing must not be worn home, but rather laundered by husbandry staff using in-house facilities, or by hospital laundry services;
3. Food and/or beverages intended for human consumption are not permitted in any animal use areas; and
4. Using tobacco products or applying cosmetics is not permitted in any animal use areas.

Concerns regarding the application of this policy are to be reported to the Animal Care and Use Office (ACUO), the Department of Environment, Health & Safety (EHS), Institutional Official, or through either the University of Michigan Animal Care and Use Hotline (1-734-763-8028) or the Compliance Hotline (1-866-990-0111). All reports of concern are resolved in a timely manner through an anonymous investigation by the IACUC, OSEH, or any other relevant unit.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all individuals conducting animal activities under the auspices of the University at any campus location, including Ann Arbor, Flint, and Dearborn.



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COMPLIANCE

The Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee (IACUC) has been delegated authority by EHS to enforce the provisions of this policy and, if necessary, suspend research or implement sanctions if policy infractions should occur.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For questions, additional detail, or to request changes to this policy, please contact the Office of the Assistant Vice President for Research, Director of the Animal Care and Use Office.

CROSS REFERENCES

Other policies should also be referenced, especially:

1. [The Use of Regulated Hazardous Materials in Animal Activities](#)