
This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) describes the proper attire required for working in designated animal areas.

Principal investigator (PI) and their research staff, animal care staff, veterinarian, veterinary care staff, facility supervisor/manager and anyone entering an animal facility.

- 3.1. Individual clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) requirements are determined by the following:
 - 3.1.1. Risk assessment of the workplace, the task, and the associated hazards
 - 3.1.2. Review of Safety Data Sheets (SDS) or other suitable information
 - 3.1.3. Assessment by the Occupational Health Program
 - 3.1.4. McGill University Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) recommendations.
- 3.2. Wear appropriate attire to enter animal areas:
 - 3.2.1. Closed-toed and closed-heeled shoes. Sandals, clog style shoes, and open-toed shoes are not permissible.
 - 3.2.2. No shorts, capri pants, or short skirts.
- 3.3. Consult appropriate signage at the entrance of the room or facility for any specific PPE requirements. Wear all the prescribed PPE.
- 3.4. PPE designated for animal areas should not be worn in public areas.
- 3.5. Outer protective clothing, e.g., lab coat, gown:
 - 3.5.1. Wear outer protective clothing whenever there is contact with animals, urine, feces, blood, or other biological fluids, infectious, chemical, or radioactive hazards.
 - 3.5.2. Keep clean outer clothes readily available and change as often as needed.
 - 3.5.3. Provide laundry service at the workplace for reusable clothing.
 - 3.5.4. Restrict clothes to a given group of animals with the same health status.
 - 3.5.5. Do not wear outer clothes outside the facility.
- 3.6. Gloves:
 - 3.6.1. Wear gloves whenever there is contact with animals, urine, feces, blood, or other biological fluids, infectious, chemical, or radioactive hazards.
 - 3.6.2. Change gloves frequently to minimize fomite contamination within the animal room. Consider the use of double gloves, i.e., outer and inner pairs, for additional protection and/or for preventing contamination of surfaces by changing outer gloves frequently while maintaining protection with the inner gloves.
 - 3.6.3. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water, or use an alcohol sanitizer, at the end of the procedure or upon leaving the facility.
- 3.7. Mucous membrane/respiratory protection:
 - 3.7.1. Utilize a face mask if there is a risk of splashing or droplet exposure to mucous membranes or when there is possible exposure to animal allergens.
 - 3.7.2. N95 respirators are mandatory in specific areas where they are required to protect the health of animals. N95 respirators may be recommended in other areas.

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