

Standard Operating Procedure: Use of Protective Gloves in Labs

- Wear protective gloves (latex, nitrile, other) when handling toxic chemicals, biohazardous materials or nuclease sensitive samples (e.g. RNA).
- Always remove protective gloves, even if uncontaminated, prior to leaving the bench area, touching door knobs, elevator buttons, keyboards, clean lab equipment, or handling other clean objects.
- Remember that wearing protective gloves implies "contaminated fingers and hands".
- Always wash your hands after handling toxic chemicals or biohazardous materials.
- Help avoid contamination in the workplace by wearing protective gloves appropriately.