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GLOVE TIPS

- Do not wear gloves outside of the lab
- Avoid touching surfaces such as door handles while wearing gloves
- Do not wash or reuse disposable gloves
- Always discard gloves after removal

Gloves in the lab should only be found in three places:

- In the Box -
- On Your Hands -
 - In the Trash -



Have You Seen Me?

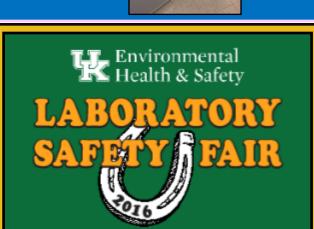
Chances are you or a colleague may have come across one of our pink cards in the lab. Currently, used gloves left on the benchtop or at desk space is the most commonly observed safety infraction in UK 's research labs.

Even after a single use, gloves should be promptly discarded and NEVER re-used. During our routine walk through inspections, if used gloves are noted on benchtops or other locations, they are considered as being re-used





What NOT to do: Used gloves on lab bench



Mark Your Calendars!

The 4th Annual UK EH&S Lab Safety Fair will be held **Tuesday**, **October 25**, **2016**

More information to come in the September Biosafety Newsletter



The Dept. of Biological Safety would like to thank the following labs for setting a shining example of lab housekeeping and maintenance. Well done!

Thorson lab (BPC)

Heidary lab (Chem-Phys)

Fowlkes lab (CTW)

Coyne lab (Ag North)

Hunt lab (Plant Sci)

Miller lab (KTRDC)

Biosafety Reminder:

Laboratory chairs must be covered with a non-porous material that can be easily cleaned and decontaminated with an appropriate disinfectant. Cloth chairs are not permitted.

If your lab possesses cloth covered chairs but, like most others, budgetary restrictions make the purchase of non porous chairs difficult, there are several ways we can help you find appropriate chairs or methods of converting your cloth chairs to non-cloth covering. The picture to the right shows a creative and cost effective method utilized by one of UK's labs to convert a cloth covered chair into one appropriate for lab work: decorative duct tape. No one says lab chairs have to be boring!

Please contact our department if your lab needs advice about the chairs in use in your laboratory.



Vaillancourt lab, Plant Sciences



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As part of the Division of Environmental Health & Safety, the Department of Biological Safety is responsible for programs concerning the safe use of recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids, infectious agents, and potentially infectious materials such as human sourced materials in the research and teaching laboratories at the University of Kentucky. This includes training, auditing, and consulting with researchers, laboratory personnel and teaching staff concerning compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations in these areas.

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