

Geologic Specimens Handling Safety

In addition to everyday proper handling practices, please take note of the following common minerals:

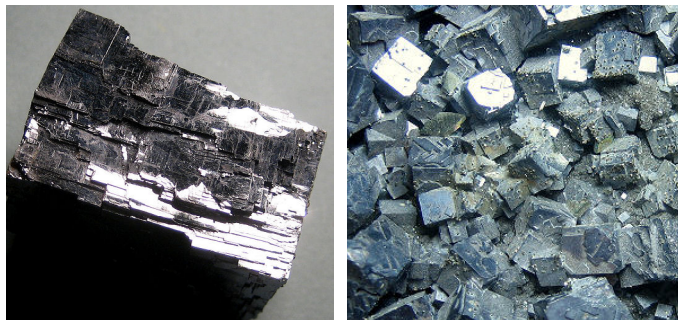
Minerals Containing Mercury

Cinnabar



Minerals Containing Lead

Galena



Minerals Containing Arsenic

Realgar



Realgar and Orpiment



Orpiment



There is no need for special alarm regarding these minerals. As part of good handling practices, please be sure to:

- Wash your hands with soap and water after every instance of handling rocks, minerals, and fossils, or wear gloves while handling them.
- Never eat food while handling geologic specimens.
- Never carry geologic specimens in your pocket(s).

Radioactive Minerals

Uraninite



Carnotite



Thorite



Carcinogenic Minerals

Asbestos



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