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Precautions for Preventing Laboratory Animal Allergy

- Smoking, eating and drinking are not allowed in the animal facility.
- Special clothing must be worn when working with animals.
- Gloves must be worn in order to avoid skin contact with urine, blood, etc.
- To maintain a good hygiene, cages for transportation of animals must be cleaned with ethanol before being taken into the animal rooms.
- When working with animals and bedding, spreading of dust should be avoided.
- Animals and bedding should always be carried in covered cages.
- Always tidy up after finishing your work.
- Avoid contamination of other people's working environment with your own work.
- Wash your hands after contact with animals.



Prevention of Allergy at WP23

- Admittance to the rodent facility is only possible through the lock, where lab coats and footwear must be changed. Blue dustcoats must be worn when working in the animal facility.
- The blue dustcoat must be taken off, before leaving the rodent facility, to prevent spreading of allergens outside the facility.
- Normally the blue dustcoat can be left on a peg in the lock and used again, but if the coat has visible signs of hair, dust or blood, it must be placed in the laundry basket.
- The responsibility for wearing masks and gloves when working with laboratory animals rests solely with the scientist or research worker.
- Remember the rules specific to working with hazardous substances such as radioisotopes, classified agents and toxic chemicals. You are welcome to ask the staff for help.
- Always wash hands before leaving the animal facility.
- **Animals may not be removed from the animal rooms without permission from the facility management.**

Prevention of Allergy outside WP23

- Transportation of mice and rats out of WP23 may only take place in covered cages, e.g. covered with surgical caps available at the animal facility.
- Live laboratory animals may only be kept in approved areas. Outside these areas, animals may only be kept temporarily in ventilated cabinets or hoods.
- Disposal of dead animals must take place as hospital waste in a yellow box in the department where animals were used. Dead animals are not allowed back into WP23.
- Cages with dirty bedding must be kept covered constantly. They must be returned to the table in the basement of WP23 with their covers on.
- **Remember to use personal protective means when handling animals.**