

Appendix A: Posting Biohazard Warning Signs and Labels

1. Purpose

To restrict access in areas when biohazardous procedures are in progress and to alert support personnel as well as emergency personnel who may enter the area to take precautionary measures.

2. Responsibility

It is primarily the responsibility of the principal investigator/laboratory supervisor to properly identify and restrict access to the laboratory and to notify emergency and support personnel of any hazards in the laboratory.

3. Biohazard Warning Sign Use

- a. A standardized biohazard warning sign such as the one on the following page shall be used to restrict laboratory access.
- b. This sign shall be permanently affixed to all doors of Biosafety Level 3 laboratories.
- c. A removable sign shall be available in all Biosafety Level 2 laboratories to restrict access when work with biohazardous material is in progress. If the sign is permanently affixed to BL-2 laboratory door, the laboratory will not be entered by support staff such as Physical Plant or Custodial Services.
- e. The sign shall be permanently affixed to all doors of Biosafety Level 2 or 3 animal rooms.
- d. These signs are available from Environmental Health and Safety at 206-543-7278. The Biosafety Officer can assist the principal investigator in completing the sign.

4. Biohazard Warning Labels Use

Any storage, or transportation container as well as any waste container that contains untreated biohazardous waste must be identified with a biohazard warning label. See Section IX. part G. for additional use of these labels and Appendix B. for transportation information.

Examples of biohazard warning labels and order information are available from Environmental Health and Safety at 206-543-7278. A standardized [biohazard warning sign](#) is also available.

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