

# **Policy on the Use of Gloves**

## **Virginia Tech Chemistry Department**

This policy was enacted by the Chemistry Department Safety Committee and approved by the Department Chair on October 24, 2006.

1. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines on the proper wearing of gloves so that contaminants on gloves are not spread to communal areas or fixtures.

2. Gloves are recognized as universal and appropriate protective gear.

3. Upon leaving a laboratory area, gloves should be removed and stored or discarded. Gloves contaminated with chemicals should be deposited in an appropriate hazardous waste container.

4. Gloves may be worn in hallways when carrying chemicals or contaminated equipment from one laboratory to another.

5. Gloves should be removed before handling doorknobs, water fountains, handrails, computer keyboards, or other furnishings or fixtures that are generally expected to be free of chemical contamination.