

Online Resources

Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories (BMBL) 5th edition

<http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/BMBL.pdf>

NIH Guidelines

http://oba.od.nih.gov/oba/rac/Guidelines/NIH_Guidelines.htm

Biosafety Level 2 inspection checklist

<http://biosafety.tamu.edu/reference-materials/BMBL%20Inspection%20-%20BSL-2.pdf>

Biosafety Level 2 laboratory manual checklist

<http://biosafety.tamu.edu/reference-materials/BL2Manualchecklist.pdf>

Laboratory Safety Monograph - A Supplement to the NIH Guidelines

<http://biosafety.tamu.edu/reference-materials/Monograph176.pdf>

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Laboratory Coat Laundry Guidelines



Federal requirements state that laboratory coats are worn while in the laboratory and removed before exiting the laboratory for non-laboratory areas such as a cafeteria, library, administrative offices. This protective clothing is to be removed and left in the laboratory or covered with a clean coat not used in the laboratory. In order to be compliant with the federal requirements

for work in biosafety laboratories, laboratory coats must be disinfected before leaving the laboratory. Hence, lab coats are not to be worn in hallways outside of labs, and they are not to be carried outside of the laboratory without proper identification as a biohazard. Dirty lab coats are to be treated as a biohazard and not to be handled as a non-biohazard.

What Are the Options to Comply?

- Departmental laundry facilities.
- Agreement with an external laundry service that is able to provide biohazard laundry handling.
- Soak the lab coats in a bleach solution in the lab and hang them to dry.
- Autoclave the lab coats in the same manner as other materials leaving the BL2 laboratory. **Note: Plastic buttons may not be useable following the autoclave process.
- For any other questions about options that will satisfy the requirement as set in the BMBL, please contact the biosafety staff at 979.862.4549 or by email at biosafety@tamu.edu.