

Glove Safety



- All gloves should be inspected before and after each use, and periodically while in use. Check to ensure they are not torn, punctured, show signs of degradation, prior contamination or breakthrough.
 - A visual inspection can detect cuts or tears.
 - Test for pinholes by trapping air inside and rolling them out.
 - Gloves that appear discolored or stiff may be subject to excessive use or degradation, and should be disposed.
 - Follow the manufacturer's instructions for washing and caring for reusable gloves.
- If the integrity of the gloves is in question, replace immediately.
- Disposable gloves should be changed as soon as possible after contamination.



- Reusable gloves should be washed frequently if used for an extended period of time.

- Do not handle anything but the materials involved in the procedure while wearing gloves. Touching equipment, phones, wastebaskets or other surfaces may cause contamination. Be aware of touching the face, hair, and clothing as well.
- The outside surface of reusable gloves must be washed before removal and air-dried in the laboratory.
- To remove gloves without skin exposure, remove the first glove by grasping the cuff and peeling the glove off the hand so that the glove is inside out. Repeat this process with the second hand, touching the inside of the glove cuff, rather than the outside.
- Always wash your hands after removing gloves.

