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Personal Protective Equipment Disposable Lab Coats

- Lab coats, gloves, and safety glasses (or chemical splash goggles) are recommended for work with chemicals or radioactive materials.
- Never wear shorts, sandals, or open-toed shoes when working with chemicals or radioactive materials.
- White cloth lab coats – which can be laundered – are available from Stores in Building 7001 (574-4258). **White cloth lab coats are not to be used for radiological work.** White cloth lab coats can be worn over and over, then sent to the laundry.
- Yellow cloth lab coats – which can be laundered – are available for radiological work from the Radiological Control Technicians. **Yellow cloth lab coats are to be used only once and then bagged.** A radiological survey is required before sending yellow cloth lab coats to the laundry. Please do not leave yellow lab coats hanging in the work area. This gives the appearance that they are being used more than once.
- **Disposable lab coats with radiation markings or symbols are only to be used for radiological work. Disposable lab coats used for contamination control, whether radiological or chemical, are to be used only once, bagged, and then thrown away in the appropriate manner – either as radioactive waste or as beryllium contaminated waste, whatever is appropriate for your application.**
- Do not wear lab coats, gloves, or other personal protective clothing out of the immediate work area. This clothing may have become contaminated and you could spread the contamination to clean areas.