

Cleaning Laboratories - Radiation Labs

Information for Cleaning Supervisors, Lab Supt and DRPSs

It is important that cleaning staff are aware of where they can clean and what rubbish they can remove from laboratories.

Cleaning Supervisors should liaise with Lab Supt and/or Dept Radiation Protection Supervisors to establish local arrangements for the cleaning of laboratories.

As a general rule cleaning staff should not clean labs unless they have had reassurance that there is nothing hazardous out in the lab and that the area is free from contamination. (If necessary a written permit to work should be displayed on the lab doors for cleaners who need access to labs out of normal working hours.) Cleaning is then normally restricted to floor areas and wash-hand basins.

Removal of waste must be restricted to domestic (black bag) waste only. Cleaners should be instructed not to remove any hazardous wastes (red and yellow bagged wastes).

Cleaning Supervisors should ensure that all agency staff are aware of these rules and have sufficient understanding of English to know what to do and what not to do.

RADIATION AREA SIGNS		There are three levels of area which have the following general restrictions to entry.
1. CONTROLLED AREA No Unauthorised Entry with RED Prohibition notice		We have none of these areas at present
2. SUPERVISED AREA Authorised Personnel Only with BLUE mandatory notice		We have quite a few of these areas and they require visitors and non-departmental staff, including security, maintenance and cleaning staff to obtain permission from a responsible person prior to entry - names of responsible people should be written on the door sign.
3. NON-DESIGNATED AREA No restrictions on access - radiation risk very low		There are a lot of these low risk areas and although there is no restriction on access, cleaning staffs still need to be told what they can and can not do in these areas