Glove Use

- Wear gloves of a material known to be resistant to permeation by the substances in use.
- Look for an expiration date on individual packages of gloves.
- Before use, check gloves (even new ones) for physical damage such as tears or pinholes. Check reusable gloves for previous chemical damage.
- Dispose of gloves when they show any sign of leakage or deterioration.
- Select gloves of the correct size and fitting; gloves that are too small are uncomfortable and may tear whereas overlarge gloves may interfere with dexterity.
• Some gloves, especially lightweight disposables, may be flammable: keep hands well away from flames or other high temperature heat sources.
• Replace gloves periodically, depending on the frequency of use and their permeation and degradation characteristics relative to the substances handled.
• Remove gloves before handling objects such as doorknobs, telephones, pens, and computer keyboards. Remove gloves before leaving lab area.
• When removing gloves, do so in a way that avoids skin contact with a possibly contaminated glove exterior.
• Always wash hands after removing gloves.
• Dispose of contaminated gloves properly.
• Do not attempt to re-use disposable gloves.