

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.**