

Laboratory Safety Bulletin

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Personal Devices in the Laboratory



- Personal devices such as your cell phone, laptop, earphones, earbuds and tablet should not be brought into the laboratory, as there is a risk of contamination from laboratory hazards. Your device may become a vector for the spread of infectious pathogens from a biological research lab; or it can be contaminated with a chemical (poison, carcinogen, toxin).

- If a device is needed for your work in the laboratory, a dedicated device can be kept in the laboratory. Never place this device near your face. Use the speakerphone if possible. Decontaminate the device if you remove it from the laboratory.
- If your Principal Investigator approves the use of your personal device in the laboratory, you must take steps to prevent contamination of the device:
 - Keep your device in a sealed plastic bag while it is in the laboratory. Dispose or decontaminate the bags when leaving the lab. If reusing the bags, always check for rips or tears.
 - Keep the device in your personal pockets and not in your lab coat to prevent them from being contaminated.
 - Phone Zone: An area designated for mobile device use may be established, marked off with tape.
- **Always remember to remove gloves and wash your hands before picking up your cell phone.**



Thank you for your co-operation!

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