

EQUIPMENT CLEARANCE FORM - Public

University of Maryland Baltimore

Instructions and Form

In order for some types of equipment to be moved, removed, or to undergo maintenance, lab personnel and responsible parties must first ensure that it has been suitably decontaminated and safe. Complete this form entirely after equipment has been **fully cleaned** and **decontaminated** by lab personnel. Have a signed copy available for movers or property personnel.

Any equipment that has contained or been exposed to chemical, biological, or radioactive hazards must first be decontaminated before relocation or disposal. It is the responsibility of the principal investigator to ensure that all areas have been decontaminated by personnel using the appropriate PPE and that the health and safety of the University's students, staff, and outside contractors are protected.

Chemical Hazards: Wipe surfaces and equipment that have come in contact with toxic/hazardous chemicals with a warm solution of soap and water. This may include fumehoods (inside and out), bench tops, floors, refrigerators and sinks.

Biological Hazards: Any surface with which a biological hazard has come into contact must be decontaminated using an appropriate agent, such as a 1:10 dilution of household bleach in water (5.25% sodium hypochlorite) left on the surface for 15 minutes, then wiped off, or Wescodyne following manufacturer's recommendations. The surface must then be wiped with a 70% ethanol solution to remove residue. The principal investigator is responsible for verifying that sodium hypochlorite or Wescodyne is the appropriate substance to inactivate the hazard.

Radiation Hazards: Contact Radiation Safety through EHS at (410)706-7055 for proper equipment clearance.

Biosafety cabinets (BSC's): Before a Biosafety Cabinet is relocated, disposed of, or moved in any way, it must be decontaminated by an appropriate vendor (many labs use [B&V Testing](#)). After decontamination, the vendor will place a sticker on the cabinet, indicating that the cabinet has been decontaminated. Once relocated, the vendor must certify the cabinet in its new location before it can be used again.

Labeling: After equipment is decontaminated, remove or deface any hazard stickers.

EQUIPMENT REMOVAL/CLEARANCE FORM

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Name of responsible individual: _____

Contact person: _____

Email or phone (at least one required): _____

Building and Room Number (s): _____

Equipment to be cleared:

Equip. make: _____

Equip. Model: _____

Serial Number: _____

UMB Tag#: _____

Reason for clearance:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moving or removing equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Disposal of equipment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repair of equipment | <input type="checkbox"/> Upgrading/adding equipment (installing utilities, adding canopies, etc) |

Risk of Contamination:

- I _____ (enter name) confirm that this piece of equipment did not come into contact with hazardous or infectious substances
- The area may have been exposed to potentially hazardous substances and **has been cleared**.
 - Radiation- **MUST BE CLEARED BY EHS PERSONNEL, NOT LAB PERSONNEL**. Contact EHS at 6-7055
 - Biohazards, potentially infectious agents
 - Indicate biosafety level of work performed/BSL level: _____
 - Harmful aqueous solutions, buffers, acids, alkalis
 - Toxic chemicals
 - Recombinant DNA

Decontamination Statement:

I, _____ (print name) hereby certify that all known biological, chemical and/or radiological hazards have been eliminated from the affected laboratory equipment listed on this form. I further certify that all listed work areas have been properly decontaminated and cleaned and are ready for removal/repair/disposal.

Signature of Responsible Individual: _____ Date: _____

Telephone No. of Responsible Individual: _____