



Ferris State University

Formaldehyde Guidance

Laboratory Managers

When storing specimen or cadavers inside coolers, please follow the guidelines stated below:

1. Place all specimen, in formalin solutions, in airtight specimen jars with lids.
2. Clean displaced liquid around cadavers and specimen jars (no spills).

Facilities Maintenance

When working inside laboratory cooler for greater than 15 minutes where specimen in formalin solution or cadavers are present, please follow the guidelines stated below:

1. Contact the laboratory manager to remove all specimen/cadavers out of cooler.
2. Contact SHERM to determine if a testing badge is needed for formaldehyde exposure monitoring (we will give instructions on what to do at the time of testing).
3. Purge cooler prior to entering the cooler for any length of time – depending on the amount of time needed inside the cooler to complete work you may have to purge multiple times.
4. Leave the door open while working inside cooler.
5. When work is finished contact the laboratory manager to return all specimen/cadavers to the cooler.
6. Return the testing badge to SHERM for processing.

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