

RSF Visitor Guidelines

Visitor Last Name: _____ Visitor First Name: _____

Date of Visit: _____ PI Name (if applicable): _____

Note: This sheet is to be filled out for all visitors to the Research Support Facility, RSF and is kept on file in the RSF Office.

There are risks associated with biomedical research and the use of laboratory animals. Please be aware that you may encounter some risks within the facility. If you are pregnant or have a medical condition that may be affected/aggravated by entering the RSF, you should consult your personal physician before entering the facility.



1. Animal Hazards: Persons may have **allergic reactions** to animals housed within the RSF (rodents, rabbits, ferrets, and swine). If you have known allergies to animals or are susceptible to environmental allergens, it is advisable that you discuss your risks with your personal physician before entering the RSF. Animals housed in the RSF will bite, and scratch. If you are injured by an animal, notify a staff member and seek medical treatment.



2. Infectious Agents: Animals may carry infectious diseases and/or there may be infectious agents used in the RSF. It is important to wear the protective apparel and equipment provided during your visit. If you have an altered immune system, you should notify your personal physician before entering the RSF.



3. Physical Hazards: There are a number of physical hazards located throughout the RSF. These may include wet/slick floors, loud noises, burn hazards (cage/rack washers, autoclaves), pinch/crush hazards (doors, heavy equipment), sharps (needles) and hazards associated with the use of compressed gases.



4. Chemical Hazards: There a number of chemicals that are routinely used throughout the RSF that could be potentially hazardous. These chemicals include pharmaceuticals, anesthetics, disinfectants, acids, and alkaline detergents. If you have known sensitivities to these agents you should notify your personal physician before entering RSF.

I have read the information provided above and understand the risks associated with entering RSF facility.

Printed Name

Signature

Date

Employer

Reason for Entry

Date Entered in Log/Initials (RSF use Only)