

# IACUC Update

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## Laboratory & Vivarium Attire: Summer Reminder

When the warm weather arrives, we all reach for our shorts, tank tops, and open-toed shoes (and flip-flops, too)...attire quite perfect for steamy Austin days but **NOT** ideal for laboratories where animals and/or chemical, biological, physical, and radioactive materials are used and/or stored for teaching or research here at The University of Texas at Austin.

Please remind your colleagues, students, and any other individuals working in our laboratories and animal facilities that they must dress appropriately for their own safety as well as the safety of others.

Shorts, shorter skirts, t-shirts, and tank tops may be worn in the lab **ONLY** when appropriate protective apparel is worn on top to cover all exposed skin from the neck down to the wrists and ankles. Appropriate protective apparel includes lab coats **AND** long pants or skirts that reach the ankles. Lab coats worn to protect individuals and their street clothing from hazardous materials must be worn in the laboratory and should be removed upon exiting the laboratory or upon significant contamination.

When in the laboratory, footwear that completely covers the foot must be worn to provide protection in the event of a hazardous material spill. Sandals, flip-flops, perforated shoes, any shoes made of canvas, or any other open-toed or open-top shoes are prohibited.

Please remember that it is everyone's shared responsibility to ensure that all faculty, staff, students, and visitors understand and comply with lab safety policies, procedures, and practices. Should any individual not be dressed appropriately in lab areas, please ask them to leave immediately.

**THANK YOU** for working with us to create and maintain a strong culture of lab safety here at The University of Texas at Austin!

## Requirements for the Operation and Maintenance of Guillotines

As per the AVMA Guidelines on Euthanasia, equipment used to perform decapitation must be maintained in good working order and serviced on a regular basis to ensure the sharpness of the blades.

To assist researchers, the IACUC has prepared basic requirements for the operation and maintenance of guillotines:

[http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/policies\\_index.html](http://www.utexas.edu/research/rsc/iacuc/policies_index.html)

## Reminder - Requirements for Cage Identification

As per the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals* (2011):

Identification cards should include the source of the animal, the strain or stock, names and contact information for responsible investigator(s), pertinent dates, and protocol number when applicable (p. 75)

At a minimum, cage cards must contain the protocol number and investigator name. The information on the cards must be kept current. If animals are transferred to another protocol or if the protocol expires and is replaced by a new one, the number on the card must be changed to reflect the new protocol number. When the third-year resubmission of a protocol is approved, the old number is considered expired, and all cage cards must be updated with the new protocol number.

Please refer to the ARC guidance document "Cage Identification Requirements," available on the ARC website.

The next IACUC Full Committee Review (FCR) is **June 8, 2015**.

The submission deadline for review at this FCR is **May 15, 2015**.

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