Glove Use

Contact dermatitis is the skin’s reaction to exposure to allergens or irritants which may result in skin rashes; surprisingly dermatitis is the most commonly reported occupational disease.

It is also important to note that some chemicals like dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), nitrobenzene, and methyl ethyl ketone (MEK), easily absorb through the skin and into the bloodstream which may cause harmful effects.

When should you wear gloves?

Gloves must be worn when handling hazardous chemicals or materials, corrosives, very hot or very cold items, or materials that have an unknown hazard or toxicity.

When NOT to wear gloves?

Gloves should never be worn outside the laboratory, nor should clean or common use surfaces such as door handles, elevator buttons, telephones/cellphones or computer keyboards be touched while wearing a glove, even if the glove was just put on or you feel that it is clean.

Gloves should be removed before you leave the laboratory out of respect for others who may not know if you handled hazardous materials or contaminates.

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