

Chapter 19 Eating and Drinking in the Laboratory

For the purposes of personnel protection, eating, drinking, and the application of cosmetics are not permitted in BL 2 and 3 laboratories. Eating and drinking is permitted only in designated areas of BL 1 laboratories. Designated areas must be separate spaces from research areas and be free not only of biohazards, but also of chemical and radiation contaminants. Many BL 1 laboratories store food and drinks on carts that can be easily placed in the hallway outside of the laboratory. Care must be taken to ensure that the carts don't obstruct doorways, emergency showers and eyewash stations.

Food may not be stored in laboratory refrigerators or freezers in which research materials (biologic, chemical or radioisotopes) are also stored.