

The lab coat



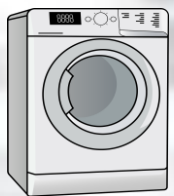
When to Wear the Lab Coat ?

- **As soon as you enter the laboratory** when handling chemical, biological, or hazardous products.
- **During any risky procedures** : chemicals, heat, infectious agents...
- It must be **properly closed** to protect personal clothing and skin.



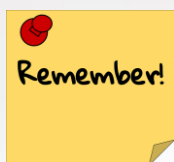
When NOT to Wear the Lab Coat ?

- **Prohibited** in "clean" areas :
 - Cafeteria, kitchen, break room...
 - Toilets
 - Offices
 - Outside the laboratory
- **Do not smoke, drink, or eat** while wearing the lab coat.



Hygiene and cleaning

- **Change the lab coat regularly**, and immediately if it becomes soiled or contaminated.
- **Wash according to internal protocols** : never wash at home; autoclave before washing for BSL-2 lab coats...
- Must be suited to the lab environment : durable cotton (minimum density 200g/m²), knee-length, long sleeves, no holes, appropriate for the risks and zones (animal facility, BSL-2....)
- For **professional use only**, ideally **personalized** (name-labeled).



Safety Reminders

- The lab coat **does not replace other Personal Protective Equipment** (gloves, goggles, mask...)
- Lab coats must remain in designated areas (lab, animal facility, BSL-2...)
- It is part of a **protective chain** :

Proper techniques + Appropriate clothing + Controlled movement
= Safety for everyone !