# Protect the integrity of barrier maintained animal accommodation in a Home Office designated establishment



#### **Overview**

This standard covers the actions which must be taken in order to protect the integrity of barrier maintained animal accommodation in a Home Office designated establishment.

You will be working under supervision to ensure that the health and welfare of the animals is maintained and the necessary security is preserved.

This standard is for animal technologists and support staff who work with barrier maintained animal accommodation in a Home Office designated establishment.

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### Performance criteria

ou must be able to:	P1	use safe practices and appropriate personal protective equipment
	P2	maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
	P3	take the necessary precautions prior to entry into, and exit from, the barrier maintained accommodation
	P4	protect the integrity of the barriers at all times
	P5	make all movements across the barrier in accordance with recommended guidelines
	P6	report any breaches to the integrity of the barriers and recommended guidelines immediately to the appropriate person
	P7	ensure only authorised personnel gain entry to the area
	P8	complete relevant records, including entry and exit records
	P9	carry out all work in accordance with relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and company policies

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### Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and	K1	the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment
understand:	K2	the purpose of barriers in your establishment
	K3	the importance of protecting the integrity of barriers and how this can be achieved
	K4	the different levels of barrier and the elements that make them up
		including foot baths, step-over barriers, autoclaves, dunk tanks,
		fumigation chambers, air flow regimes, protective clothing, showers, full changes of clothing
	K5	precautions and procedures necessary for the maintenance of barrier maintained accommodation
	K6	reporting procedures where barrier intregrity may be compromised
	K7	how to recognise emergencies and the correct procedures to take
	K8	relevant quarantine regulations
	K9	possible effects of contact with other animals, either in the
		establishment or outside, including personal pets
	K10	zoonoses and possible effects on own or family health
	K11	the effect personal health conditions may have on gaining entry and
		moving across barriers; including pregnancy, allergies, vaccinations,
		colds and flu, viruses and contact with infectious agents
	K12	methods for controlling access and requirements for gaining entry and
		moving across barriers
	K13	procedure for dealing with visitors to barrier maintained animal
		accommodation
	K14	your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and
		safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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