Restore environments following scientific procedures in a Home Office designated establishment



Overview

This standard covers the activities required to clean and restore an environment after a Home Office licensee has carried out a scientific procedure in a Home Office designated establishment.

You will be acting as the licensee's assistant following written or verbal instructions. Procedures could be either surgical or non-surgical. When surgical procedures are performed you will require a thorough knowledge of aseptic technique, and the methods of sterilisation, disinfection and the safe disposal of clinical and non-clinical waste.

This standard is for animal technologists or support staff who have responsibility for restoring environments following scientific procedures in a Home Office designated establishment.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:	P1	use safe practices and the appropriate personal protective equipment when carrying out scientific or technical activities
	P2	maintain appropriate levels of hygiene and bio-security
	P3	assess the potential risks to health and safety in this area of work
	P4	make equipment and materials safe and secure on completion of the scientific procedure
	P5	return equipment and materials to the correct location for storage, sterilisation or transportation after use
	P6	restore the environment to a level of cleanliness appropriate to its normal use
	P7	deal with waste and spillages safely and correctly in accordance with instructions
	P8	sort and transport waste safely to the relevant disposal collection point
	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 understand:	K1	the importance and correct use of personal protective equipment for scientific or technical activities
	K2	the importance of maintaining appropriate levels of hygiene and biosecurity and how this can be achieved
	K3	how to restore environments following scientific procedures
	K4	relevant legislation and codes of practice concerned with restoring environments following scientific procedures
	K5	the types of hazards which may occur, their potential risk and to whom these should be reported
	K6	safe handling of biological material from animal sources and the equipment used
	K7	the legal and organisational requirements for the handling, storage and disposal of waste
	K8	basic safety procedures in handling, using and maintaining equipment
	K9	the methods and importance of aseptic techniques,
		sterilisation, disinfection and prevention of cross-contamination
	K10	the appropriate infection control measures including zoonoses
	K11	your responsibilities under relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and company policies

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