

Safety Note on Transport of Chemicals in Chevron and on the University of Pittsburgh Campus

The link below lists the EH&S regulations for “Transporting Specimens Between Research Facilities” – Sections 3.9 and 3.10 specifically address freight elevators and personal protective equipment: <http://www.ehs.pitt.edu/assets/docs/SpecimenTransport.pdf>

Section 12 of the Chem Hygiene Plan addresses “Distribution and Transport of Chemicals”: <http://www.ehs.pitt.edu/assets/docs/chem-hygiene-plan.pdf>

3. PROCEDURES FOR SPECIMEN TRANSPORT

3.9 Specimens must be transported between floors using a freight elevator. Passenger elevators may not be used for transport.

3.10. Personal protective equipment including gloves and laboratory coats are not necessary to transport properly packaged specimens and must not be worn outside of the laboratory.

12. DISTRIBUTION AND TRANSPORT OF CHEMICALS

12.1. Always transport chemicals in carry buckets or on a wheeled cart with raised edges to serve as secondary containment.

12.2. If no freight elevator is available, chemicals may be transported on a passenger elevator with extreme caution. When possible, isolate the elevator from public use while transporting chemicals.

In summary, please note that in Chevron the freight elevator should be used at all times, and chemicals should not be transported in the three passenger elevators.

Furthermore, no protective gloves and no lab coats that have come into contact with chemicals or biological materials should be worn outside the lab, and secondary containment has to be used at all times when transporting chemicals.