



Guidance Note:
March 2004

Moving Refrigerators

HSD - HWG - 010

This information is for your use and as a way of providing consistent information. There is no response required.

Moving Refrigerators

Refrigerators must be moved empty. All chemical reagents and other related supplies currently stored inside refrigerators must be removed by the researchers prior to the move. All hazardous chemical reagents (flammable, oxidizing, corrosive, reactive, or toxic) that have been refrigerated must be prepared for shipment to Fitzsimons by the Lab Packing Contractors.

All non-hazardous reagents and supplies (agar, bovine serum, cell culture media, etc.) will be removed by the researchers and placed into reusable rigid plastic coolers for shipment to Fitzsimons. It is imperative that the researchers do not place any hazardous chemical reagents (phenol, chloroform, TEMED, acrylamide, hydrogen peroxide, etc.) in the plastic coolers. There are very large penalties for improperly shipping hazardous chemicals. The researchers will be responsible for adding packing material (Styrofoam beads) between the glass containers in the coolers along with the frozen cooling packs to prevent breakage. An outside general moving contractor will transport the plastic coolers to Fitzsimons.

If your refrigerator has been used to store radioactive materials you must also perform smear surveys according to the guidance provided by UCHSC Radiation Safety.

If your refrigerator has been used to store infectious agents you must wipe down your refrigerator with an appropriate disinfectant.

Researchers will be responsible for unpacking the contents of the rigid plastic coolers. In addition, the researchers will be responsible for removing the packing materials from the coolers and cleaning up any non-hazardous reagents that may have leaked during shipment.