



St. James-Assiniboia School Division
 Safe Work Procedure
Precautions associated with mice

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Hazards Present: Blood-borne pathogens, Corrosive chemicals, Bite, disease	Required PPE: Rubber or disposable gloves, goggles Optional PPE : P-100 disposable respirator	Recommended Training: Lift/material handling training, "Back to Basics" training, WHMIS training
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NOTES:

Quick action and removal is necessary to prevent the transmission of disease and to avoid the odour of decaying corpses. Mice may carry the Hanta Virus and may also carry ticks and fleas that can spread disease. Once outside the body of the rodent the hanta virus likely does not survive for long periods (hours or days). Further studies are being conducted. This safe work procedure is for MINOR CLEAN-UPS ONLY. Notify the building administrator whenever a rodent infestation is noticed. Clean-up kit includes the following: disposable gloves, goggles, spray bottle with germicidal detergent garbage bags (2), paper towels, hand wipes. NOTE: **Do not sweep or vacuum droppings** as this may cause virus particles to go into the air where they can be breathed.

Mouse dropping clean-up Safe work procedure:

Section off area.
 Put on the appropriate personal protective equipment.
 Mix approved disinfectant in spray bottle
 Gently spray droppings/rodent nesting materials with disinfectant ensuring that they are completely soaked.
 Allow sprayed material to sit for 5 minutes
 Using paper towels remove the soaked material.
 Place the soaked material including the paper towels into a bag and tie shut.
 Place that bag into a second bag .Wash your gloves while you are wearing them (if the gloves are not disposable).
 Remove gloves, goggles,
 Discard disposable respirator mask by placing in a plastic bag and throwing in garbage. Wash hands.

Mouse disposal Safe work procedure:

Live mice-
 Place the entire trap in a bucket of water with the mouse still in the trap. This method will kill it in less than 15 minutes.
 Dead Mice-
 While wearing PPE use an inverted plastic bag to pick up the dead mouse.
 Reverse the bag over the mouse to seal it inside. Place the bag inside a second bag.

Place the bags containing the mouse in a sealed container and place in outdoor garbage bin immediately. NOTE: The anticoagulants in rodent poison can kill pets or wildlife that may feed on the disposed carcasses. Anticoagulants are also toxic to humans, so care should be taken to prevent transfer of any poisons via contact when handling dead mice.

Wash gloves, or dispose gloves. Wash hands with soap and water.

Guidance documents:

Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health regulation

- 2.1 Safe Work Procedures
- 6.1 Personal Protective Equipment
- 35 Workplace Hazardous Materials Information Systems

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Policy:

- EBB-R Safe Work Procedures
- EBBA Personal Protective Equipment
- EBBAB-R Managing hazardous chemicals/materials

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