

Instructions to Staff - Radioactive Materials

Low levels of radioactive materials are used at Western Washington University in selected laboratories of the Biology Building, the Chemistry Building, Environmental Studies, the Communications Facility and at the Shannon Point Marine Center, in Anacortes.

Each of these laboratories has a sign at the entry that says "RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS".

Inside each of these labs, all radioactive materials are labeled "RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS".

Certain waste containers in some of these labs are labeled "RADIOACTIVE WASTE".

The international symbol indicating radioactivity is:



It is safe for you, as an employee, to be in these areas and to carry out the normal responsibilities of your job.

However, it is **NOT** your responsibility to handle anything that is labeled radioactive.

Custodial and maintenance personnel are directed, by the Radiation Safety Officer, Environmental Health and Safety, not to handle any container(s) or other material labeled or marked "radioactive".

If you need to access a labeled container or area, speak with the person in charge of the laboratory AND the Radiation Safety Officer at 650-3064

All packaging and handling of radioactive materials and waste will be done by the professor of the laboratory and/or personnel from Radiation Safety at the Environmental Health and Safety office.

If you have questions about your safety or that of others or wish to discuss radiation safety issues, contact the director, Environmental Health and Safety at x6512 or cell phone, 739-0185.