

**LSU Inter-Institutional Biological and
Recombinant DNA Safety Committee (IBRDSC)**

**Policy: Food and Drink in Rooms and Laboratories that contain
Biological Materials, rDNA**

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This policy applies to all staff, faculty, students and University guests.

Do not drink, eat, store food or beverages, chew gum, apply cosmetics or use tobacco products (smoke, chew, dip) in rooms where chemicals, biohazardous or radioactive materials, or other potentially hazardous materials are present. Food or beverage containers may not be stored in the laboratory and washed drinking cups, food containers or eating utensils may not be dried on laboratory drying racks. Refrigerators used for storing food or beverages should be dedicated to food only and should be located outside of the laboratory.

Each school, department, or division is responsible for identifying laboratories where eating, drinking, and similar activities are prohibited, and for notifying individuals of appropriate areas for such activities.