

TRANSPORT OF BIOHAZARDOUS MATERIALS (INCLUDING RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SPECIMENS/MATERIALS)

(For assistance, please contact EHS at (402) 472-4925, or visit our web site at <http://ehs.unl.edu/>)

- Transport in a sealed, leak-proof primary container within a sealed, leak-proof secondary container (e.g., Tupperware container).
- The secondary container should be labeled with the universal biohazard symbol.
- The outside of the secondary container should be disinfected (for biohazards) or cleaned (for toxins) after use so that the use of personal protective equipment is not necessary when handling this container. Refer to the EHS SOP, ***Disinfectants for Biohazardous Materials***.
- Public areas and elevators should be avoided if at all possible. If public areas/elevators must be used, gloves must not be worn. If necessary, the hand holding the specimen may be gloved, but under no circumstances should gloves be used on common surfaces such as elevator buttons.
- Even though a spill is unlikely when this protocol is followed, a spill protocol should be prepared in advance. Refer to the EHS SOP, ***Cleaning Up Spills of Biohazardous Materials***.