

# Hygiene and Safety at the Animal Welfare Centre

**Moulton**  
COLLEGE



**Step  
1**

- Wet hands under warm running water



**Step  
2**

- Add Soap to aid cleaning and kill germs



**Step  
3**

- Rub well for at least 15 Seconds
- Remember: Rub front and back of hands and between fingers



**Step  
4**

- Rinse well under warm running water



**Step  
5**

- Dry hands with clean paper towels
- Place used paper towels in recycling bin



**Why is Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and good hygiene so important?**

- Reduce the risk of spread of infection or disease to humans
- Reduce the risk of injury to those wearing PPE
- Reduce the risk of disease transmission between animals

## PPE at the AWC

**Over trousers and tunic-** To protect own clothing from contamination

**Steel toe capped boots-** To protect feet from heavy or sharp objects and ensure stable footing

**Vinyl gloves-** Must be used for servicing and handling of a variety of animals, including reptiles and ACI species

**Dust masks-** For the cleaning of enclosures in enclosed spaces or those that produce a large amount of dust

**Goggles-** For the use of chemicals for water testing or tarantula handling

**Gauntlets-** For animal handling, to protect from bites and scratches

**Rubber gloves-** Worn for handling water testing chemicals in Aquatics centre

## Safety Measures

- Long hair to be tied back
- All jewellery must be removed (with the exception of medical alert jewellery or wedding bands)
- Earrings to be removed and flesh coloured plugs to be worn in place of tunnels. One clear flat facial retainer is permitted only.
- No acrylic nails can be worn. Nails to be cut to a suitable length.



## PPE Care

PPE should be stored in a designated kit bag

Tunics and over trousers should be washed regularly in a hot wash

PPE should be washed before being worn to another site, e.g. Welfare Centre and Grooming Centre

PPE must be removed after practical or commercial experience sessions. Students must remove their PPE before eating or drinking.

### Hygiene and Hand Washing

Hands should be disinfected with hand sanitiser after any animal handling or enclosure servicing.

Hand washing is required at the end of practical sessions. Hands should be washed using warm water and soap in the designated hand wash areas

**Remember** germs may also be transmitted on objects such as phones, keys, door handles etc.