



## Cold Room Storage Do's and Don'ts

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### Do:

- ✓ Use the buddy system
- ✓ Check to make sure no one is inside before locking up
- ✓ Keep all containers sealed
- ✓ Use shelves or racks to store items, rather than the floor
- ✓ Clean any mold, moisture accumulation, or spills immediately
- ✓ Consider using a CO<sub>2</sub> monitor
- ✓ Remove unused items promptly

### Don't:

- ✗ Store dry ice, liquid nitrogen, or other cryogenics
- ✗ Bring in gas cylinders
- ✗ Store volatile/flammable solvents
- ✗ Leave cardboard boxes or kimwipes inside
- ✗ Use wooden shelving
- ✗ Leave the door open for a long time
- ✗ Allow food and beverages

(1) Kuespert, D. *Research Laboratory Safety* Walter de Gruyter GmbH & Co KG, 2016.

(2) <https://hpo.johnshopkins.edu/doc/fetch.cfm/8PAxTWbP>

(3) <https://news2use.ors.nih.gov/Pages/nothing-is-cooler-than-safe-cold-room.aspx>