

User Access to Rodent Facility

Do you belong/collaborate with a Research group with an authorized animal project?

Yes

No

Entry not allowed

Do you have a Portuguese Authority (DGAV) licence?

Yes

No

Request Rodent Facility Access card*
(rodent.Facility@nms.unl.pt)

You will need to complete a Facility orientation/induction which depends on the level of facility usage.

After the tour, your personal access card will be activated.

After completing the competence assessment with a designated tutor, additional permissions can be unlocked on the personal access card

Have you completed PT Laboratory Animal Science (LAS) courses?

Yes

Apply for DGAV License

No

Cannot have independent access

Apply for next LAS course

Guest researchers without a DGAV accreditation certificate are only permitted to assist in laboratory animal experiments under the direct supervision of a qualified researcher.

* You will need an NMS email and to be associated with a research group project to register in Agendo, before receiving your access card. Contact research.labs

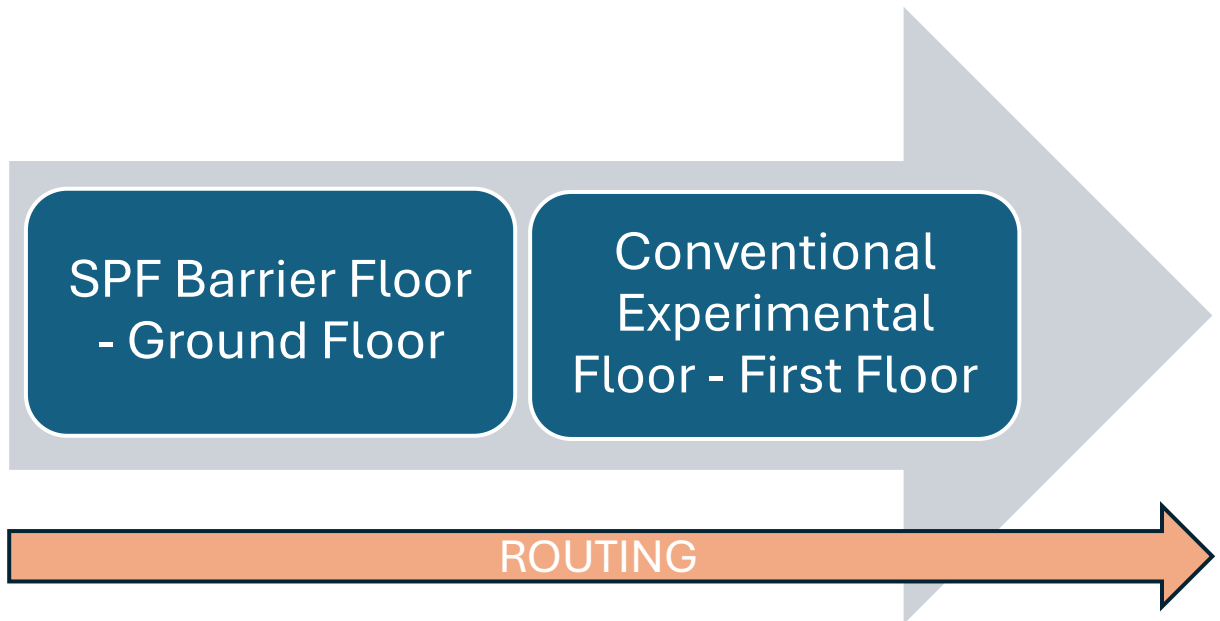
Access rules - Ground Floor Barrier area:

Access only if in the last 72 hours:

- There has been no contact with rodents outside the facility (including reptiles fed on rodents)

Access only if in the last 24 hours:

- There has been no entrance to a unit with a lower barrier status (First Floor_ experimental Floor)



Access rules II

- Admission and authorization to the unit only after tour of the unit
- **Eating or drinking NOT ALLOWED**
- Two types of **PERSONAL ACCESS CARD CREDENTIALS**: GROUND FLOOR barrier and FIRST FLOOR recovery rooms barrier.
- At **entering a barrier zone** (Ground Floor; First-Floor Recovery Rooms), put on lab coat, hairnet, mask, gloves, shoe covers or clogs and make sure legs are covered.
- On the First-floor unit at entering an experimental room or lab put on minimally a WHITE Lab coat, mask, and gloves. WHITE Lab coats should be changed weekly.
- **Wash your hands** before leaving the Facility.
- **All visitors must be authorized prior to the visit.** Rodent Facility Registration is required before entry.

Working in the Rodent Facility

- New DGAV credited users should be supervised by a qualified Research Team supervisor, capable of personally carrying out the procedures, who is present in the room.
- Only after training and assessment of competency, a new user may work by himself and have independent access.
- Performing procedures only allowed to DGAV accredited users, after registration with the Animal Welfare body (ORBEA) as part of the research team.
- No handling of animals without appropriate PPE.