University Health and Safety

Fact Sheet

Improper Cold Room Storage

Cold rooms are <u>NOT VENTILATED.</u> The following should <u>NEVER</u> be stored in a cold room:

Flammable and Volatile Toxic Chemicals

Risk: Explosion, exposure, and asphyxiation

Examples of flammables: ethanol, acetone

Examples of volatile toxics: chloroform, formaldehyde



Cryogens and Compressed Gasses

Risk: Asphyxiation and exposure

Examples of cryogens: Dry ice, liquid nitrogen

Examples of gasses: argon, nitrogen, carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide, ammonia



Porous Material

Risk: Supports fungal mold growth

Examples: cardboard, paper, wood, cloth, Styrofoam



For additional guidance, reference the Cold Room Fact Sheet (http://z.umn.edu/coldroomfs)Page 1 of 1AP Improper Cold Room Storage 03 2017