



## TRL Occupant Handbook 2025



Translational Research Laboratories (TRL)

125 S 31<sup>st</sup> St. Philadelphia, PA 19104

## Building Orientation



## Building Access

- 31<sup>st</sup> Street Main Entrance doors: Entering from 31<sup>st</sup> Street will require a Penn Card 24/7 or the use of the door bell that contacts security
- Upper 30<sup>th</sup> Street: Entering the building through the upper 30<sup>th</sup> street entrance will require Penn Card access. It is only accessible from 7am-7pm Monday-Friday.
- Lower 30<sup>th</sup> Loading Dock: This entrance is only accessible with Penn Card access and for deliveries

## Building Operations

### TRL

- TRL is a university-owned real estate property which is operated by the FRES Real Estate Property Management Contractor, currently Cushman Wakefield.
- Space Planning & Operations (SPO) is responsible for the administration and coordination of the Perelman School of Medicine's day-to-day facilities operations ensuring optimum delivery and performance for housekeeping, maintenance, building systems, utilities, and minor construction services. SPO serves Perelman School of Medicine customers including faculty, students, and staff.
- Routine maintenance or housekeeping concerns should be reported with via a work order in Building Engines

- Building emergencies should be reported via phone to the property manager and PSOM building manager

### **Contact Information**

FRES Real Estate Property Management Contractor - Cushman Wakefield (CW)

CW Property Manager  
Paula DeFusco  
215-901-9962

CW Assistant Property Manager  
Nicole Eliades  
267-542-6811

Main Office: 215-840-6444

PSOM SPO- Operations

(215) 898-8760  
Normal business hours: 7am to 4pm, M-F  
Please refer to the [PSOM Operations website](#) for information

Building Security Desk - 215-510-0665

## Lab Operations

### Overview of Services

<b>House DI Water:</b>	House provided with taps at lab sinks. Maintained by Cushman Wakefield
<b>Benchtop DI Water:</b>	Benchtop units are managed per department for ongoing maintenance
<b>Advant-age:</b>	Upon request, reusable sharps containers are provided by EHRS approved vendor, Advant-Edge Solutions (ASI). Participation is by opt-in with a service line P.O. by the occupying organization.
<b>Biohazardous (Infectious) Waste:</b>	Must be taken to the autoclave room and autoclaved by labs. Once autoclaved the bags can be brought to the storage room on the loading dock.
<b>Chemical &amp; Radioactive Waste:</b>	Request for the collection of chemical waste and radioactive waste is available via web form: <a href="https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/infectious-waste.html">https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/infectious-waste.html</a> . Contact EHRS, (215) 898-4453, for spills of chemical, biological, or radioactive materials.
<b>Carbon Dioxide (CO2):</b>	There two central bulk tanks and distribution to some but not all labs and tissue culture rooms.
<b>Liquid Nitrogen (LN2):</b>	LN2 can be purchased through the Penn marketplace (AirGas, Keen, etc.) distributed by SOM auxiliary enterprise. To set up services, please call the LN2 core facilities 215-898-8022.
<b>Glass Wash:</b>	Located on the ground floor in room 126 and is operated by individual programs. PSOM maintains the equipment and issues can be reported to Ops Manager
<b>Ice Machines:</b>	Provided on each floor in equipment hallways; maintenance by occupying organizations.
<b>Dry Ice:</b>	Provided by occupying programs.
<b>Research Alcohol:</b>	Research Alcohol is ordered through the Alcohol Service Center. For questions, please email <a href="mailto:alcadmin@pennmedicine.upenn.edu">alcadmin@pennmedicine.upenn.edu</a> .
<b>Mail:</b>	Distributed by SPO at 1 <sup>st</sup> floor level pick-up window.
<b>Distribution:</b>	Second priority and all ground shipments received at loading dock and distributed by SPO to desktop. Perishables have priority. UPS/FedEx will deliver first-priority directly to desktop.
<b>Fume Hoods:</b>	Maintained by CW and PSOM. Annual certification by EHRS.
<b>Biological Safety Cabinets:</b>	Annual certification provided by EHRS approved vendor and coordinated by EHRS. Cost of annual certification is charged directly to occupying program. Repairs are also funded by occupying programs.
<b>Autoclaves:</b>	Centrally located in room 126 for the sterilization of infectious waste. Requirements vary so please follow EHRS guidelines at <a href="https://ehrs.upenn.edu/health-safety/regulated-waste/biohazardous-waste/autoclaving-infectious-waste">https://ehrs.upenn.edu/health-safety/regulated-waste/biohazardous-waste/autoclaving-infectious-waste</a> . Operated by individual programs. Maintained by PSOM

## **Cushman Wakefield**

Cushman Wakefield will provide 24/7 coverage of mechanical systems and facility operations.

### **Emergencies**

Property Management Office: Monday – Friday 7:00am to 5:00pm call 215-840-6444.

After Hours, Weekends & Holidays call the Cushman Wakefield Emergency Line

The Property Management and PSOM should be called for maintenance issues including, but not limited to:

- overflowing toilets
- ceiling leaks
- smell of smoke
- elevator entrapments
- lighting issues within vivarium
- power loss

### **Maintenance Requests**

Additional maintenance requests such as hanging items, painting, locks, or door issues, etc. should be submitted via Building Engines. Building Engines is CW's online platform to submit work orders or visitor request. Cushman Wakefield will initiate the work through their onsite engineers or third party contractors and a Work Order Number will be generated for tracking.

Some work requests will require departmental funding (e.g. installation of an additional outlet or gas line). The requesting department will receive a job quote that will require an Purchase Order number to proceed with the requested work.

### **Key Requests**

To request a key copy for a door lock, please submit a Mach Form on the SPO website. The request form can be accessed at: <https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/keys-and-property-removal.html>. The Building Operations Manager will initiate the work through CW and a Work Order Number will be generated for tracking.



## **JANITORIAL SERVICES**

The janitorial services are contracted by Cushman Wakefield to a third party (UG2) for the cleaning and pest management of TRL.

Cushman Wakefield provides cleaning services and special project work including but not limited to exterior window washing, municipal waste removal, recycling, confidential, and snow removal. By providing a consistent level of professional service, UG2 contributes to the safety, health, and well-being of all visitors and staff of TRL.

**Waste Collection:** UG2 Staff will collect waste streams (regular and recycling) from designated containers throughout the building. Waste streams are not allowed to be mixed (dumped into another stream's bag) but can be transported together to the soiled utility closets for collection by the Trash Tech who will then proceed to transport waste to loading and dispose into the appropriate containers (regular trash into the municipal compactor and recycling into the single stream recycling container).

**Chemical Waste Disposal** - visit EHRS website

- <https://ehrs.upenn.edu/health-safety/regulated-waste/chemical-waste>

**Radioactive Waste Disposal** – visit EHRS website

- <https://ehrs.upenn.edu/radiation-safety/topics/research/radioactive-waste>

**Infectious Waste Disposal** - visit EHRS website

- <https://ehrs.upenn.edu/health-safety/regulated-waste/biohazardous-waste>

## **COMPUTING AND NETWORK SERVICES**

Penn Information Systems and Computing will provide network and telephony service to TRL. ISC will provide Wi-Fi service via *AirPennNet* and *AirPennNet-Device* and coordinate installation and maintenance of cell phone service repeater/extender.

Penn Medicine Academic Computing Services will provide computing end user device support, device relocation support, desktop backup/software management and operating system support.

### **Services**

PMACS will provide:

- Desktop and networking support via Local Service Providers (LSPs)
- Server/file share support
- Administrative and admission system support

### **Contacts**

All support and service requests should be submitted via the PMACS Online Support portal. Links to the portal can be found on the PMACS home page:

<http://www.med.upenn.edu/pmacs/>

## **DISTRIBUTION SERVICES**

**Location:** 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, TRL (Office next to the loading dock)

**Hours of Operation:** Monday – Friday | 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

If assistance is needed outside of these hours, please reach out to Distribution Services directly.

### **Mail Pick Up**

- Departments can drop off their mail at the window located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of TRL. Window hours of operation are 1pm – 5pm, Mon – Fri.
- Fed Ex and UPS box is also located in the main vestibule of the front entrance.

### **Mailing Address Information**

- To ensure accurate and timely delivery of all USPS and Campus mail, staff should personally update their mailing address information. To update your mailing address, follow these instructions:
  - Register your change of address with:
    - Penn Mail Services (<https://mail.business-services.upenn.edu/forms-resources/change-address-form>)
    - AND**
    - USPS (<https://moversguide.usps.com/mgo/disclaimer>)
  - To change your address with PSOM Distribution Services, please submit a SPO - Change of Address Form (<https://hosting.med.upenn.edu/forms/spo/view.php?id=18426>)
    - Use this form if your department, or an office or lab within your department, is moving
    - Please note that filling out these forms does not update staff members' Penn Directory listing
- Change your Penn Directory listing (<https://www.upenn.edu/directories> > Update Directory Listings (PennKey and password required)
- If you are moving because you are changing jobs within the university, please update your record in Workday (<https://www.workday.upenn.edu>)
- Notify vendors and publishers directly if any mail addressed to you is department business that should be delivered to another person (e.g., invoices, periodicals, bank statements, etc.). This way, the mail will stay with the department

### **Packages**

- All first priority packages (i.e. “express”, “overnight”, etc.) are delivered by the Vendor to the desktop
- All second priority and ground shipments are delivered by Distribution Services, typically on the date of receipt
- Packages containing radioactive material will be delivered directly to the user by the carrier or to the EHRS radionuclide distribution facility

### **Correctly Addressing a Package**

USPS scanners read from the bottom to the top starting with the ZIP Code. Addressee and address information should read from the most specific (top) to the least specific (bottom). **The bottom two lines of the address must appear as in the example below**

USPS Preferences and Specifications:

- Use all uppercase
- Use Helvetica, Arial, or other ***sans-serif*** font
- Do not use a bold, condensed, or extended font
- Left justify
- Addresses may not be greater than 6 lines

More information on USPS addresses conventions:

LINE	FIELD NAMES	SAMPLE ADDRESS
1	Name	NOMEN NESCIO PHD
2	Department	DEPARTMENT OF SPACE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS
3	University and School	PERELMAN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT THE UNIV OF PA
4	Building Name	3600CCB, RM 200
5	Street	3600 CIVIC CENTER BOULEVARD
6	City State ZIP Code	PHILADELPHIA PA 19104- <b>4310</b>



## **RESEARCH ALCOHOL**

**Hours of Operation:** Thursdays, 2:00PM - 4:00PM

**Alcohol Coordinators:** Martin English & Ben Roach

**Associate Director, Business Operations:** Alketa Ndoka

For questions regarding research alcohol please email: [alcadmin@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:alcadmin@pennmedicine.upenn.edu)

### **General Information**

Research Alcohol is ordered through the Alcohol Service Center.

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/alcohol-for-research>

Alcohol Service Center staff do not deliver alcohol.

- The Alcohol Service Center distributes two types of ethyl alcohol: 190 proof & 200 proof
- Do not order quantities of alcohol greater than your approved storage capacity
- Alcohol Service Center staff cannot lend out carts for the transport of alcohol orders
- Triple rinse empty alcohol containers & deface all labels before putting them in the trash
- If you have any questions about the safe handling, use, or disposal of ethyl alcohol please contact EHRS at: (215) 898-4453

### **Ordering Alcohol**

Research alcohol must be ordered online via the SPO website:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/alcohol-for-research>

- Once the Department Approver & SPO approve the order, a pickup slip is sent to the Requester & Department Approver
- SPO approves alcohol orders every Wednesday at 3:00pm. Alcohol orders are not approved on days in which the Alcohol Service Center is open
- The lab member picking up alcohol must have a copy of the approved pickup slip either printed or on their mobile device available to present to SPO alcohol fulfillment staff
- Orders that are approved by SPO, are automatically cancelled if not picked up within 30 days of approval

## **SCHEDULING & EVENT SERVICES**

Scheduling & Event Services (SES) is responsible for the space scheduling process, service coordination, and management of the PSOM central shared meeting space events. SES uses CollegeNET 25Live Scheduling System to provide Penn Medicine access to classroom and meeting space in support of the academic, research, and clinical mission.

### **Requesting Space and Services in 3600 CCB:**

Only official Penn Medicine employees (no contract or temporary workers) may place requests for event space and services through 25Live. To log in, click the 25 Live link:

<https://25live.collegenet.com/pennmedicine> and sign in using your Pennkey and Password. When you save your reservation, you will receive a pop-up notification that your request for space has been entered, and the SES Office will respond to your request within three (3) business days.

### **Making Changes to a Confirmed Event:**

Additions, updates, and changes must be made by **5 PM, two (2) business days before** the booking date. Any requests or edits after this cutoff must be made in writing to the Scheduling & Event Services office [somsched@pennmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:somsched@pennmedicine.upenn.edu). *Late requests may be subject to fees.*

### **Catering:**

The University of Pennsylvania's policy permits ONLY Penn-approved caterers for meetings and events. Non-approved caterers will not be permitted in Perelman School of Medicine (PSOM) buildings.

Before placing any food service order, be sure to **check the list of [Penn-approved caterers](#)**; the university updates this list frequently.

### **Alcoholic Beverages:**

As a user of PSOM facilities and as the sponsor of an event, you are responsible for ensuring compliance with [University of Pennsylvania policy](#) regarding any alcoholic beverages served at your event.

### **Fees:**

- If your event requires services before 8 AM or after 5 PM or on weekends, overtime fees will be charged.
- If your event has a high headcount, involves food service, or occurs outside of regular business hours, housekeeping and security charges may apply.

Internal Penn Medicine events are not charged for space rental. To qualify, your event must meet the following criteria:

- It must be sponsored by a Penn Medicine (PSOM/UPHS) department.
- The sponsoring department must provide a complete budget code or Lawson number and will be responsible for any charges.
- The majority of attendees at the event must be Penn Medicine faculty, students, or staff.

## **INFORMATION SERVICES**

### **Perelman School of Medicine: Penn Medicine Academic Computing Service**

For IT issues in PMACS supported spaces or with University networking (PennNet), please submit support requests through the **PMACS Support Center**.

If you have an emergency issue, please either **contact your LSP directly** or contact the PMACS MedHelp line at (215) 573-INFO (x3-4636).

### **University VOIP (Voice Over IP) Phones:**

For issues with University VOIP phones, please contact your Departmental Telephone Support Provider (TSP) for assistance.

## **MEDIA TECHNOLOGY AND PRODUCTION SERVICES**

All spaces, equipment rentals or other services offered by the Media Technology & Production department must be booked through the [SPO\\*TS website](#). A valid Penn key and either a valid school budget code is required.

MT&P is located in 408 Anatomy/Chemistry Building on the Perelman School of Medicine campus.

**MTP Helpdesk:** [mtphelpdesk@penmedicine.upenn.edu](mailto:mtphelpdesk@penmedicine.upenn.edu)

- Main Campus: (215) 898-0514

### **Classroom Technology and Event Support | Ray Rollins and Joe Lavin**

Classroom Technology Support and Equipment Management / Meeting and Symposium Support  
Power Point upload, connecting laptops for presentations, ensuring room audio / Room checks and pre-event assistance from our technicians. / Video Conferencing Support (Zoom, Teams) Hybrid and Fully Virtual / Video Production, Recording, and Livestreaming (Mediasite, Zoom, Teams) / Portable Equipment Set- Up

### **Video Production Support**

Production Studio Recordings / Pre-recorded lectures/ Live event recording / Postproduction/editing / Live broadcasting from new Pavilion OR's / On location production / Still Photography / Podcast recordings / Video and format transcoding (VHS and DVD transfer)

### **Project Installs and Support**

Provide end users with the latest Penn Medicine AV Technology Standards for all virtual conferencing spaces / Review spaces requesting AV upgrades / Share design and scope of project based on end user needs and MTP AV standards / Schedule training with end users / Provide support for all MTP AV installed devices

## **Project Management and Repairs Support**

New AV System Installations / Upgrades to Existing Room Systems / Digital Signage: Hardware Installation, Support, Content Design, and Training / Equipment Repair and Replacement / Account Management for Mediasite and Tightrope Carousel Users / Mersive Solstice Support

## **SECURITY & SAFETY**

PSOM Security and DPS will oversee and coordinate all physical security of the premises, controlled access, and CCTV security systems at TRL.

PSOM Security will establish all security policies and protocols for the building. They will engage the University's security vendor partner, Allied Barton, to provide lobby security and "touring" officers onsite 24/7.

PSOM Security will work in partnership with Penn DPS team to respond to emergencies and liaison with all first responders.

PSOM Security will engage technology vendors to install, maintain, and resolve emerging access and CCTV system's needs. SPO Security will issue controlled access permissions for all building occupants – with the exception of the exterior doors, where DPS will continue to provide access control management/oversight.

PSOM Security will provide AEDs in the building's lobby and Security personnel will be trained in AED usage and available to dispatch AEDs within the building.

Please contact the the Security Operations Center for questions and emergencies: **215.615.5656**.

### **Security Contacts:**

- PSOM Security: (215) 898-0196

### **Safety Concerns:**

- Penn Safety & Emergency Services:
  - Emergency: (215) 573-3333 / 511 from campus phone
  - Fire & Emergency Services (FES): (215) 573-7857
  - Division of Public Safety (DPS): (215) 898-7297
- EHRS: 215-898-4453 (24/7) | 215-898-7187 (Radiation Safety issues)

**Fire Drills:** Conducted annually in PSOM occupied areas

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & RADIATION SAFETY (EHRS)**

The Office of Environmental Health and Radiation Safety (EHRS) promotes health, safety and environmental protection in teaching, research, health care and administrative activities by providing services, advice, and compliance assistance. **If you have questions, refer to the EHRS website**

**[www.ehrs.upenn.edu](http://www.ehrs.upenn.edu) or call EHRS at 215-898-4453**

### **Hazardous Waste**

All infectious waste (except for the recyclable sharps containers collected by Advant-Edge Solutions of Middle Atlantic, Inc. (ASI) must be either disposed of in a sealed red bag or disposable sharps container and placed directly into an infectious waste RWM tote or autoclaved before being picked-up by PSOM SP&O Infectious Waste Staff.

Contact ASI Customer Service with your service-related questions: [service@asiwaste.com](mailto:service@asiwaste.com).

### **Infectious Waste Management & Reusable Sharps Containers**

<b>Infectious waste:</b>	Potentially infectious waste includes all waste materials that are contaminated with or suspected of being contaminated with blood, blood products, and other body fluids, recombinant & synthetic nucleic acids or material contaminated with recombinant & synthetic nucleic acids, as well as research materials that are or may be contaminated with pathogens that may cause an infection.
<b>Advant-Edge Solutions of Middle Atlantic Inc. (ASI):</b>	Vendor responsible for disposal of Penn's biohazardous/infectious waste.
<b>Sharps:</b>	Any material that has the potential to puncture through a waste bag (needles, scalpels, razor blades, broken glass, plastic ware, syringes with and without their needles attached, serological pipettes, pipette tips, or medical instruments).
<b>Reusable Sharps Container:</b>	Red 17-gallon sharps containers with hinged lids that are removed and replaced by Advant-Edge Solutions of Middle Atlantic, Inc. (ASI).

#### **Procedure:**

1. All infectious waste, including red bag waste and disposable sharps containers, must be properly packaged, and taken to the autoclave room on your floor to be either disposed of in a sealed red bag or disposable sharps container and placed directly into an infectious waste RWM tote, or autoclaved and placed in the PSOM collection bins in the autoclave rooms before being picked up by the PSOM SPO Infectious Waste Staff.



2. PSOM SPO Infectious Waste Staff will remove the autoclaved infectious waste from each floor. Advant-Edge Solutions of Middle Atlantic, Inc. (ASI) will pick up and dispose of all infectious waste from the PSOM.

3. Labs that do not participate in the reusable sharps container program or wish to use smaller sharps containers are responsible for purchasing their own disposable sharps containers, closing when  $\frac{3}{4}$  full and autoclaving (if needed), and disposing of the sharps containers in the PSOM collection bins in the autoclave rooms.

4. Labs that opt into the Reusable Sharps Container Program are responsible to keep the containers and lids clean, stop filling when the containers are 75% full, and keeping the lids closed when not in use. See below for additional information.

**Infectious Waste Disposal Guide:**

(<https://ehrs.upenn.edu/health-safety/regulated-waste/biohazardous-waste/resources-biohazardous-waste-disposal>)

If you have questions about infectious waste, check the [EHRS Regulated Waste website](#) or call EHRS at (215) 898-4453.

## **Biosafety Cabinets**

The University of Pennsylvania uses TSS for all services related to biosafety cabinet (BSC) certification, decontamination, and repair. Cabinets must be certified annually, after being moved, and when newly purchased. Cabinets MAY NOT be used if certification is out of date.

The cost of certifications will be charged as follows:

- Initial certification for each cabinet after relocation to 3600 CCB will be paid for by project funds.
- **All yearly certifications after the initial certification must be paid for by the laboratory.**

Additional information about biosafety cabinet service and certification can be found on the **EHRS Biosafety website** or by contacting a biosafety officer at (215) 898-4453.

## **INTERIORS & FURNITURE**

PSOM/HUP buildings adhere to standardized furniture finishes, sustainable practices, and design layouts. Any requests to deviate from these standards are reviewed by the SPO on a case-by-case basis.

To maintain safety, consistency, and compliance with facility standards, we kindly ask that no unauthorized furniture be brought into the building. This includes furniture from other locations and any items not commercially rated for office or institutional use. Unauthorized furniture may pose safety hazards, disrupt space planning, or fail to meet institutional requirements.

If you're considering changes to your workspace or need additional furnishings, please contact the Interiors team. For more details or to request a consultation, visit the **Facilities Planning and Space Management – Interiors** page:

<https://www.med.upenn.edu/spo/facilities-planning-and-space-management.html#Interiors3>

### **Ordering Process**

Furniture orders are initiated only after occupants have submitted the final, approved drawings and proposals. Estimated ship dates are typically available within one to two (1–2) weeks after the order is placed. Please note that all orders are final once submitted. If additional items are needed after submission, a separate proposal must be prepared and approved.

### **Lead Time\***

Furniture delivery and installation timelines depend on the scope and type of request:

- **New furniture** typically requires three to five (3–5) months from request to completion.
- **Reconfiguration of existing furniture** usually takes about four (4) weeks from the date of authorization.
- **Hybrid configurations** (a mix of new and reused furnishings) vary based on the balance of reused versus new components.

*\*Lead times are subject to change due to market fluctuations, supply chain delays, or unforeseen events such as natural disasters.*

### **Maintenance and Support**

For assistance with damaged or broken furniture, or if you've misplaced a furniture key, please reach out to the Interiors team. They are available to support repairs and ensure your workspace remains functional and safe.