



The Lab Rat NEWSLETTER

Notice of National Biosafety Stewardship Month & Health and Safety Requirements for NIH Grantees

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This is the second year that NIH specifically reminds its grantees of:

- meeting applicable federal, state and local health and safety standards; and
- establishing and implementing necessary measures to minimize their employees' risk of injury or illness in activities related to NIH grants

How can you participate?

- Complete the training necessary to perform your research (e.g. Laboratory Safety Training, Biosafety, Bloodborne Pathogens, and any other required training).
- Ensure that your lab personnel are familiar with the standard operating procedures related specifically to your type of research.
- Understand how and when to report incidents using the Emory University PeopleSoft system.
- Encourage your lab members to be accountable for their safety.
- Register research involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules and any biological agents.
- Determine if your research falls under Dual-Use Research of Concern.
- Review your biosafety protocol approval requirements with your lab personnel (immunization, PPE etc.).
- Ensure that all personnel performing research in the laboratory are included in the Biosafety protocol.

Questions about National Biosafety Stewardship Month or adherence to the NIH Guidelines can be directed to:

Please contact the Biosafety Office if you have any questions:

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Office of the Director
National Institutes of Health

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Questions about the NIH Guide Notice or NIH grants requirements:

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About This Newsletter

- This newsletter is a tool to help fulfill a legal requirement for ongoing safety training.
- Supervisors are responsible for ensuring that individuals in their area have read and understood the information that applies to their area.
- The signed newsletter should be placed into the PI's EHSO Lab Safety Binder.

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