

Biohazardous Laboratory Incident W/Accident Response and Reporting Protocol  
UGA Office of Biosafety

Biohazardous laboratory incident or accident involves the following:

Any potential or known exposure to Biosafety Level 2 (BSL 2) agents or higher

Any potential or known system failure that could result in the release of a BSL 2 or higher organism from primary containment

Any potential breach in biosecurity in containment facilities

Chain-of-notification:

All employees are responsible for reporting potential biohazardous incidents to their immediate supervisor.

The supervisor is responsible for reporting any biohazardous incidents to Biosafety (Biosafety Officer (BSO)/Responsible Official (RO) or Associate Biosafety Officer (ABS)/Alternate Responsible Official (ARO). Additionally, Principle investigators (PIs) are responsible for immediate reporting of a theft, loss or release of a select agent or toxin to the RO/ARO. Select agent and toxin labs will have lab-specific incident response plans.

The BSO is responsible for reporting to the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) any significant problems, violations, research-related accidents or illnesses involving work described under the NIH Guidelines for Recombinant DNA Research (NIH Guidelines). The RO or ARO is responsible for reporting any theft, loss or release of a

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