

FAQs about Biosafety and Research Registration at Binghamton University

Q. Why do I have to register my research protocol?

An initiative led by the CDC and the NIH in 1976 resulted in the acceptance and [use of national biosafety guidelines](#) for research. As part of a commitment to provide a healthy and safe learning and research environment, Binghamton University follows these guidelines.

The Biosafety Officer and the Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC) are charged to review, approve, and maintain documentation on all protocols involving recombinant DNA and other ~~pl~~ent

Q. I do not use recombinant DNA, human cells or infectious organisms. Do I have to register?
Maybe. It may be that the wildlife you have been working with for ten years is now infected with a zoonotic, infectious agent that would require you

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
<http://www.cdc.gov/biosafety/publications/bmb15/>

The NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant and Synthetic DNA Molecules
(the NIH Guidelines) from the National Institutes of Health (NIH)
http://oba.od.nih.gov/rdna/nih_guidelines_oba.html

The American Biological Safety Association (ABSA)
<https://my.absa.org/tikiindex.php?page=Riskgroups>

The US Dept. of Agriculture and the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service-
USDA/APHIS <http://www.aphis.usda.gov>

Select Agent Regulations (42 CFR 73) or USDA (9 CFR 121)
<http://www.selectagents.gov/selectagentsandtoxinslist.html>

Binghamton University Biosafety Officer Kelly Donovan is available to help you determine your appropriate Biosafety Level and can be reached at 787-834 or at donovan@binghamton.edu.

Q. How do I determine if my research is IBC exempt?

Determination of whether a study is exempt from IBC oversight can only be made by the IBC. A protocol must be submitted to the IBC through the [PAS](#) system. The Biological Safety officer and the IBC Chair will review the protocol and determine the study's exemption status. Regardless of a study's exemption status, any change in materials, procedures or study staff must be reported to the

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