Does your lab use/handle any viable biological materials (blood, body fluids, tissues, microorganisms, viruses, select agent-listed materials including toxins)?  

**NO**

No biosafety training required

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**YES**

Do you handle BSL-2 designated materials?

**NO**

NO biosafety training required but Biosafety 101: SMP recommended if entering lab where biologicals are used. Minimally, PI or Lab Manager must provide an awareness training covering description and risk of materials in use and safety procedures for entering/exiting area.

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**YES**

Do you handle BSL-1 designated materials?

**NO**

Will you be working with animals that have been experimentally infected? If YES, Animal Biosafety for Researchers will be required. ABSL-2 area orientation must also be completed before access can be granted by Division of Animal Care.

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**YES**

Are you a PI?

**NO**

Will you be working with Herpes B risk materials? If YES, Herpes B Awareness training is required in addition to enrollment with Occupational Health.

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**YES**

Biosafety 101: SMP training required or PI needs to deliver and document equivalent training.

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Biosafety 101: SMP training strongly recommended even if you do not handle materials yourself.

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**Biological Materials Categories**

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<td>Select agent-listed materials</td>
<td>Biological agents and toxins identified by federal agencies as potential bioweapons (see list); possession of any listed agents requires immediate notification to the BSO (480-7078) if previously undeclared</td>
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<td>BSL-1 designated materials</td>
<td>Non-infectious microorganisms, uninfected animal tissues, body fluids and cells (other than non-human primate), plant materials, soil samples</td>
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<td>Biologically-derived toxins and venoms that could, upon a single exposure event, pose a risk to health in an unimmunized human</td>
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<td>Old World nonhuman primate blood, body fluids or tissues (macaque-derived)</td>
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*If you only handle human-derived clinical samples from populations presumed to be free of infectious disease, then you may take the Biosafety 101 training in conjunction with “working safely with human-derived materials” online module to fulfill your initial training requirements. If you handle human cells or materials from infected populations, complete Principles & Practices of Biosafety.

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**Please contact the VEHS Biosafety Team (322-2057) for assistance with additional questions.**
# Biosafety Training Guide for Principal Investigators & Lab Supervisors

This document is intended to assist PI's in determining what biosafety training is needed for their lab staff based on the materials that they will handle in the lab. When performing their own training, PI’s should generate and maintain a dated training record that contains a summary of the topics covered, as well as names and signatures of those in attendance. Training needs to be completed initially and annually thereafter, regardless of biosafety level. Note: BMBL refers to the CDC/NIH Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, 5th edition.

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<td>Recombinant DNA molecules requiring BSL-2 containment biological agents (or materials containing such) regarded as infectious to humans, animals or plants human or nonhuman primate-derived cells*</td>
<td>NIH Guidelines, CDC BMBL, OSHA BBP Standard (for human cells)</td>
<td>All items listed for BSL-1, AND Biosafety cabinet operation Sharps safety Exposure control and response procedures Medical surveillance (as applicable) These topics are included in the VEHS Principles &amp; Practices of Biosafety course.</td>
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<td>Handling live animals that have been challenged with an infectious agent or otherwise require ABSL-2 containment.</td>
<td>NIH Guidelines &amp; CDC BMBL</td>
<td>All items listed for BSL-2, AND VEHS Animal Biosafety for Researchers training ABSL-2 area orientation (performed by VEHS Biological &amp; Animal Care Safety upon request when personnel have completed all prerequisite trainings)</td>
<td>VEHS Biosafety with lab-specific elements reinforced by senior lab staff. NOTE: At this level, PI must assure that personnel demonstrate proficiency in performing lab procedures requiring biocontainment.</td>
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<td>Use of toxins of biological origin</td>
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