



## ACCIDENT REPORTING

If you or a colleague were involved in lab accident such as a needle stick, eye splash, or animal bite, would you know what to do? There may be a bit of confusion so we want to clarify the correct processes.

Whether you are a student or staff, everyone should be aware of signs and symptoms of exposure to hazardous materials in your laboratory.

### **For employees and students receiving pay other than scholarships, fellowships, student loans, or grants:**

Report the accident immediately to your supervisor. Supervisors must report the employee accident, injury, or illness to UK Workers Care by calling **1-800-440-6285**. Even if the accident does not require a visit to a doctor or treatment beyond basic first aid, this protocol must be followed.

### **For students not receiving pay or visitors:**

Any faculty or staff member witnessing or being informed of an accident involving a student or a visitor should report the accident using the [University's Accident-Injury Report](http://ehs.uky.edu/ohs/accident.php) at <http://ehs.uky.edu/ohs/accident.php>.



### **For any incidents involving infectious agents, recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid materials:**



Additionally notify the Department of Biological Safety immediately at 859-257-1049 or [ehsbiosafety@uky.edu](mailto:ehsbiosafety@uky.edu). A follow up interview with our department may be required for the purposes of compliance with NIH Guidelines.

A **near miss** is an unplanned event that did not result in injury, illness, or damage but had the potential to do so. Only a fortunate break in the chain of events prevented an injury, fatality or damage. Unsafe working conditions or near misses accidents should be reported to Occupational Health and Safety at (859) 257-3827, [dwhibb0@email.uky.edu](mailto:dwhibb0@email.uky.edu), or using the [University's Accident-Injury Report](http://ehs.uky.edu/ohs/accident.php) at <http://ehs.uky.edu/ohs/accident.php>.



# LABORATORY SAFETY FAIR



**Tuesday, October 25**

**10am-2pm**

**BBSRB Atrium**

**Free t-shirts, food, and prizes!**



**DON'T HORSE AROUND**  
— *With* —  
**LAB SAFETY!**



## BETTER BIO AWARDS



*The Dept. of Biological Safety would like to thank the following labs for setting a shining example of lab housekeeping and maintenance. Well done!*

Pearson lab (CTW)

Kagan lab (Ag North)

Nielson lab (Gluck)

Daugherty lab (BBSRB)

N. Webb lab (CTW)

## Biosafety Reminder:

During our routine building walk throughs we are noticing plenty of crusty and unemptied trap flasks! Some even exhibit microbial growth!

Please remember to not only empty your vacuum flasks at the **end of each work period**, for flask systems equipping biosafety cabinets, appropriate **disinfectant** should be added to the flask before work begins (ex: 10% volume household bleach).



*What NOT to do: Flasks without bleach and/or unemptied after work complet-*



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## Department of Biological Safety

As part of the Division of Environmental Health & Safety, the Department of Biological Safety is responsible for programs concerning the safe use of recombinant and synthetic nucleic acids, infectious agents, and potentially infectious materials such as human sourced materials in the research and teaching laboratories at the University of Kentucky. This includes training, auditing, and consulting with researchers, laboratory personnel and teaching staff concerning compliance with the federal and state laws and regulations in these areas.

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**<http://ehs.uky.edu/biosafety/>**