



## Happy New Year!

### Time to update your laboratory door signage!

The information listed on your laboratory door must be updated at least annually or in the event of any change of emergency contacts or special hazards. The signage must be legibly marked with the following information:

1. Room number
2. Department
3. Laboratory Supervisor's name
4. Emergency contacts, including names, office location, and office and emergency telephone numbers
5. Special hazards/instructions (e.g. location of large quantities of flammables or the presence of a "local alarm" system)

A fillable door signage template may be accessed at :  
[http://ehs.uky.edu/docs/pdf/bio\\_s\\_lab\\_signage\\_0001.pdf](http://ehs.uky.edu/docs/pdf/bio_s_lab_signage_0001.pdf)



The United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) and Agriculture Research Service (ARS) are developing a biosafety and biocontainment manual that will outline procedures for working safely with pathogens and pests of animals, plants, or animal or plant products in a laboratory setting. The scope of this manual includes pathogens and pests of terrestrial and aquatic animals and plants.

The USDA requests public input into this manual's development. Visit <http://www.regulations.gov/#!documentDetail;D=APHIS-2014-0104-0001> to view the draft table of contents and submit comments. The period of public commentary will end on February 10, 2015.

### Sometimes it's better for the glass to be half empty!

**Please be considerate of your custodial team. Your broken glass boxes are sometimes too heavy for housekeeping staff. Try ordering a smaller size or simply using a cardboard box that you have handy. Smaller size boxes are available from both Fisher (Catalog No.: 50-727-629) and VWR (Catalog No.: 56617-804). Also, remember to line your boxes with plastic to ensure they do not leak and the cardboard does not get damp and weak.**

294 days until ...





**Best laboratory practices prohibit the use of food, drink, chewing gum, and cosmetics.**

**During these months of cold weather, make sure you wash your hands and exit the laboratory before applying lip balm or chapstick!**

### **Never let 'em see you coming.**



**Lab coats or other PPE should not be worn in public hallways.**

## **Biosafety Reminder:**

**Please do not transport animals, chemicals, biospecimens, or other laboratory materials on public elevators. If transport of these items is required, please use designated elevators (ex: freight elevator). In addition, please observe proper precautionary methods, such as using a cart and/or secure lidded hard sided containers for materials.**



# **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!**

*Perry lab (Med Sci)  
Andrade lab (Med Sci)  
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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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