

# What is required for working with animals or their samples?

## Animals and their Samples

Working safely with experimental animals encompasses not only the people and the animals, but also the facilities, equipment, procedures we use, and environment. Understanding how all the elements work together is essential for determining the risk of the work being done. It is important for everyone to understand the risks from the animals, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, cleaners, biologicals, radiologicals, equipment, and environmental emergencies.

Biosafety permits as well as the completion of the Biological Safety Training are required if animal tissues, cells, blood or other fluids are removed from the animal for the purposes of further study. **A copy of the biosafety permit must be posted in any lab** where animal tissues, cells, blood or other fluids are to be used/analyzed at all times. One may attain the biosafety permit by applying through UBC RISE.

<https://www.rise.ubc.ca/>

One may register for the Biological Safety Training through UBC Safety and Risk Services website.

<https://srs.ubc.ca/training-and-general-education-courses/research-safety-training-courses/>

All individuals working with animals must also register with **Occupational and Preventative Health** to assess what preventative measures are available to prevent the development of disease or allergies.

<http://www.hr.ubc.ca/wellbeing-benefits/workplace-health/occupational-preventive-health/>

For detailed policies, procedures, FAQs and other information regarding the use of biohazardous materials in teaching and research, please visit:

<https://ors.ubc.ca/compliance-reporting/compliance-requirements/biosafety>