

LAB SAFETY QUICK FAQs

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UPDATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Fact Sheet: Controlling Exposure to Animal Inhalation Anesthetics (8/2024)

Reflects information on the new Workday Learning "Rodent Anesthesia Fundamentals Module," a required course for those on IACUC protocols utilizing gas or injectable anesthesia in mice and/or rats.

Lab Coat, Gloves and Safety Eyewear Policy (9/2024)

Reflects new option for purchasing prescription safety glasses through vendor Fisher Scientific.

Role of the Lab Safety Coordinator (LSC) (9/2024)

Expanded to include lab safety coordinator duties and helpful EHRs resources.



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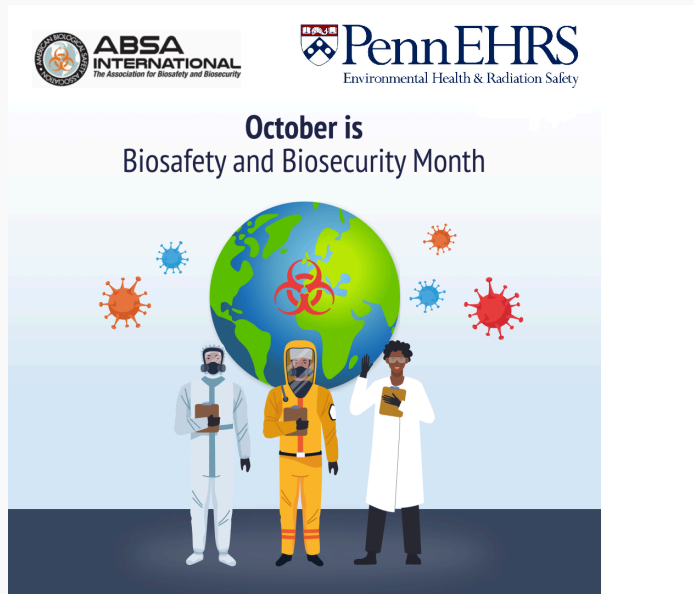
CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE EPA'S NEW REGULATION ON METHYLENE CHLORIDE?

The EPA issued a new regulation, Methylene Chloride: Regulation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), in May 2024. Under this new regulation, EHRs is required to conduct exposure monitoring for all uses of methylene chloride on campus. EHRs is reaching out to labs who list methylene chloride (dichloromethane) in their chemical inventory and asking them to complete this Methylene Chloride Usage Form to help us identify areas where monitoring will be needed. To help EHRs manage this new regulation, it is critical to keep your lab's chemical inventory up to date. Go here for the most common questions about this new regulation, including changes to methylene chloride waste collection.

WHEN IS THE NEXT CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES EVENT?

Dispose of your unwanted or expired DEA controlled substances at the upcoming Controlled Substances Disposal Event, taking place on November 13th, 2024 from 8:30 A.M. – 2 P.M. in PSOM Stellar Chance Laboratories Conference Room 104. Registration is required, and you'll need to sign up for a time slot. For additional details and to register for the event, see the announcement on our website.

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CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT BIOSAFETY AWARENESS MONTH?

Join us throughout the month of October to celebrate Biosafety Awareness Month with handouts, treats, and raffle prizes! Stop by our table to ask a biosafety related question about your lab, pick up some safety info, try our Glow-Germ game, or enter to win your very own LEGO Biosafety Cabinet! See the calendar on the [EHRS website](#) for dates and locations.



HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED WITH LAB SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS AT PENN?

The Green Labs program is building an inventory of ULT freezers in BioRAFT to get an accurate idea of freezer inventory on campus and, with over 1,600 freezers, we need your help! If you have ULT freezers in your lab, an easy way to support sustainability is to fill out [this survey](#). If you have questions about this initiative, please email Sustainable Labs Manager, Alisha, at alisharw@upenn.edu.