

LAB SAFETY QUICK FAQs

OCTOBER 2025

Dispose of your unwanted or expired DEA controlled substances at the upcoming Controlled Substances Disposal Event, taking place on November 12th, 2025 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.

CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT BIOSAFETY AWARENESS MONTH?

Come celebrate!

October 2025

Biosafety and Biosecurity Month



Expertise
Oversight
Containment
Biosecurity
Risk Mitigation
Collaboration

 **Biosafety**
Adding Value to
Research and Science

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 - OCT	6	7	8	9 CRB Lobby, 10-11am	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Smilow Lobby, 10- 11am	17 Levine Lobby, 10- 11am	18
19	20 Lynch Lobby, 10- 11am	21	22	23	24 Levy 1 st Floor, 10- 11am	25
26	27	28	29	30 Chem '73 Lobby, 10- 11am	31	1 - NOV
2	3	4	5	6 Hill Pavilion Lobby, 10- 11am	7	8

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 win a fun prize! See the calendar above or the [EHRS announcement](#) for dates and locations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND RADIATION SAFETY

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CAN I USE THE WASTE CONTAINERS PROVIDED BY EHRS FOR STORAGE OF CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS MADE BY MY LAB?

Waste containers provided by EHRS are intended solely for the collection of chemical waste. Do not use these containers for any other purpose or application, including long-term storage of chemical solutions made by your lab. For specific questions or concerns, please contact chem_waste@lists.upenn.edu.

IS METHYLENE CHLORIDE (DICHLOROMETHANE) SAMPLING COMPLETE?



TSCA

The initial sampling was completed in May, but additional sampling is required in the following situations:

- Periodic sampling is required for labs where initial sampling results exceeded the action level or exposure limits.
- Initial sampling is required for new labs using methylene chloride.
- Initial sampling is required for labs that use methylene chloride infrequently and were not sampled during the initial sampling period.

For more information on the EPA's methylene chloride regulation, see [our website](#).

UPDATED POLICIES & PROCEDURES

[Recycling](#) (updated 9/2025):

Updated the "Lab Recycling" information to include a new poster on lab recycling.

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