

FACT SHEET

Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Plan

Anyone working with human and non-human primate blood or tissue samples, including cell lines developed from these sources, needs to meet the requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Bloodborne Pathogen Standard (codified in 29 CFR 1910.1030). The University of Utah is committed to reducing the risks to individuals who may be exposed to Bloodborne Pathogens and has developed an Exposure Control Plan (ECP) to meet the OSHA requirements and to address concerns for personal safety. This ECP can be accessed at:

<https://oehs.utah.edu/exposure-control-plan>

The Bloodborne Pathogen Standard requires that specific safety issues be addressed in the **ECP**, including the following topics:

- Methods of compliance (e.g., engineering controls, work practices, decontamination procedures, waste disposal, and personal protective equipment used to minimize exposures)
- Faculty/employee/student post-exposure procedures and incident reporting
- Communication of hazards to faculty/employees/students
- Procedures for hepatitis B vaccinations, post-exposure vaccinations, and follow-up
- Documentation of annual Safe Sharps Review
- A Sharps injury log
- Training requirements and documentation
- Recordkeeping practices

In addition, Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) has developed **ECP** templates that can be adapted and customized for individual laboratories or facilities, which can be found at:

<https://oehs.utah.edu/resource-center/forms>

These should identify risks, work and engineering controls, PPE requirements and waste disposal procedures specific to the facility or workplace environment.



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