

The Office of Research and Economic Development's Mission

ORED enables, supports, performs and promotes research and scholarly and creative activities that address the needs and expectations of the state, region and world.

OUR VISION

University of Idaho research and scholarly and creative activities will expand knowledge, provide solutions, foster an enhanced quality of life and cultivate an educated 21st century citizenry.

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Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)

Biohazard safe use and approval: how the Office of Research Assurances (ORA) can help you!



APM 35.11 Biohazard Safety

APM 35.11 is the policy that governs use of biohazards for official university purposes such as research, teaching, diagnostic practices, and extension.

The full text for APM 35.11 can be accessed at:

<https://www.uidaho.edu/apm/35/11>

University of Idaho IBC

The IBC reviews all proposed use of biohazards by any members of the University of Idaho community.

The committee considers the safe-handling practices necessary for use, as well as the legal and ethical issues related to official UI use of biohazards. They apply risk assessment techniques, along with review of relevant law and guidance documents in determining if and how a biohazard can be safely and responsibly used in the research project.

Biohazards

Below is a basic list of items that may require IBC approval prior to obtaining or commencing work:

- Recombinant or synthetic nucleic acid molecules
- Potentially infectious or known infectious agents
- Animal tissues, cells, blood or waste
- Bodily remains or embryonic stem cells of an aborted or unborn infant

Exemptions

Some activities are exempt from IBC oversight. Please contact the Biosafety Officer or IBC Coordinator to help you make and document this determination.

Training

Hands-on training is offered routinely by the Biosafety Officer and all UI employees have access to the online CITI modules. More information can be found at the IBC Training website:

<https://www.uidaho.edu/research/faculty/research-assurances/biosafety/training>

How ORA can help

The Biosafety Officer and IBC Coordinator assist the University of Idaho community in the submission and approval process. They act as liaisons with the IBC Committee to ensure all questions or concerns are accurately communicated and addressed.

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