

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBC)

The University of Toledo's Institutional Biosafety Committee is responsible for the review and approval of research protocols utilizing recombinant DNA (rDNA), human and animal cell lines, biological/infectious agents and certain select agents and toxins. Through their review, the committee determines if the appropriate biosafety level (BSL) has been selected by the Principal Investigator, evaluates the methods to be used during the research project, determines if biosafety surveys have been conducted in the listed laboratories and the status laboratory training records for personnel listed on the protocol.

The IBC meets on a routine basis and these meetings are open to the public. If you would like to attend a meeting, contact [Matthew Devries](#) for more information and a schedule.

Under the NIH and CDC guidelines, the University, its Institutional Biosafety Committee, and the Principal Investigator are assigned major roles in assuring that work with recombinant DNA and biological agents are performed as safely as possible, and in ways that eliminate or reduce potential exposure of personnel and environment. The Principal Investigator and his/her research team have an obligation to be familiar with health and safety guidelines applicable to their work and to adhere to them. The University has ultimate responsibility and is guided in providing such assurance through the IBC.

The mission of the Institutional Biosafety Committee is:

1. To ensure that all recombinant DNA research activities at the University of Toledo comply with Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules (NIH Guidelines) and the Local and State Departments of Health.
2. To ensure that research protocols at the University of Toledo which utilize or produce biohazardous organisms or materials requiring Biological Safety Level 2 or higher containment, including but not limited to recombinant DNA, are reviewed and found to protect personnel, environmental and public safety.

The IBC will meet as needed to fulfill its mission. The University of Toledo Safety and Health Department will support the IBC in the carrying out of its mission.

Questions regarding containment or biosafety can be addressed to either:

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RELATED LINKS

- [NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules](#)
- [NIH Guidance Document on Biosafety Considerations for Lentiviral Vectors](#)