**What is a biological hazard?**

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1. Biological hazards are those materials of biological origin that could potentially cause harm to humans, animals, plants or the environment. Examples include infectious agents, toxins, pathogenic microorganisms, human or primate sourced materials (such as primary and established cell lines) and/or recombinant or synthetic DNA.

**Info**

Links to the federal agencies that oversee the use of these materials can be found on the Biosafety Program website’s Resources page.

Contact the Biosafety Compliance Manager at 704-687-1872 for more information.

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