

## TRANSPORT OF BIOHAZARDOUS MATERIALS (INCLUDING RESEARCH AND CLINICAL SPECIMENS/MATERIALS)

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This SOP is specifically for the on-site transport of biological materials between work locations. Off-site transport may be subject to numerous other regulations administered by a number of Federal Departments/Agencies including but not limited to: Department of Transportation, Centers for Disease Control, Animal Health and Plant Inspection Service, Fish and Wildlife, and Department of Commerce.

Observe the following safe work practices when transporting biological materials on-site between work locations:

- Transport in a sealed, leak-proof primary container within a sealed, leak-proof secondary container (e.g., Tupperware container). Disinfect the outside of the secondary container before transporting through common/public areas.
- The secondary container should be labeled with the universal biohazard symbol.
- Disinfect (for biohazards) or clean (for toxins) the outside of the secondary container after use. Refer to the EHS SOP, ***Disinfectants for Biohazardous Materials***.
- Avoid public areas and elevators if possible.
- Even though a spill is unlikely when this protocol is followed, a spill protocol should be prepared in advance. Refer to the EHS SOP, ***Spill and Exposure Response for Biohazardous Materials (Including Recombinant Nucleic Acids)***.

EHS SOPs related to interstate, intrastate, import, or export of biological agents:

- Import and Transfer of Etiologic Agents
- Importing Animal and Animal Products
- Non-genetically Engineered Plant-Related Articles Requiring APHIS Transfer Permits
- Packaging and Shipping Hazardous Materials/Dangerous Goods
- Shipping Biological Substances and Patient Specimens
- Shipping Infectious Substances With or Without Dry Ice