IMMEDIATELY report all on-the-job accidents, injuries, animal bites and/or exposures INVOLVING BIOHAZARDS to your supervisor and the Biosafety Occupational Health Program

EXPOSURES INCLUDE:
• Any skin piercing injury with an unclean object
• Any skin piercing injury (bite) from an animal with a known or suspected zoonotic disease
• Any known or suspected contact with a bat, with or without visible injury
• Any splash or spray into eyes, nose, mouth, or onto non-intact skin by blood, body fluid, cell culture, or any other pathogen containing material
Texas A&M University's Biosafety Occupational Health Program (BOHP) is charged with ensuring that personnel at risk of exposure to:

- Pathogens and potential pathogens of humans, or
- Animals and their allergens

in the context of their teaching, research or testing activities are provided the best possible information regarding the biological hazards to which they are exposed.

BOHP also provides access to competent occupational medicine providers as needed.

Who needs to enroll in BOHP?

- Individuals working at Biosafety Level 2 or higher - OR - on an Animal Use Protocol (AUP).
- Operations personnel who are identified by their supervisor to BOHP as being exposed or potentially exposed to biohazards or animals.
- Visitors listed on an IBC permit or AUP.

Do you have pre-exisiting or immune-compromising conditions?

- Immune-compromising medical conditions which can include: Diabetes, HIV/AIDS, cancer, autoimmune disease (e.g. Psoriasis, Eczema, Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Multiple Sclerosis, or Crohn's Disease), liver or kidney disease, organ or tissue transplantation, or splenectomy (surgical removal of the spleen).
- Immune-compromising medications, which can include: Steroids (e.g. Cortisone or Prednisone), Opioid pain medication, medications prescribed for psoriasis, asthma (including inhalers), arthritis, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome, or herpes.
- Asthma or animal allergies
- Pregnancy

Any of these may increase your risk of infection when working with animals or pathogens. Contact BOHP at BOHP@tamu.edu for more information.

How to enroll in BOHP

Enroll at https://bohp.tamu.edu, and complete the initial questionnaire. You will receive automatic email notifications regarding your annual enrollment update. If you have any new job duties with the potential for biohazard or animal exposure, or substantial changes in your health occur, contact BOHP at BOHP@tamu.edu.