

Incident Investigation

This workshop will be presented by the Public Health Agency of Canada's Centre for Biosecurity (CB) and will present material on how facilities regulated by CB can meet their legal obligations for incident reporting and investigation under the HPTA.

Course summary:

This workshop will present the legal reporting obligations for laboratory incidents as stipulated under the Human Pathogens and Toxins Act (HPTA), as well as familiarize the participants with the components of incident notifications through the Biosecurity Portal. Participants will also engage in discussions of root cause identification through hands-on examples to better understand the principle and steps involved in laboratory incident investigation.

Course Objectives:

- Describe the legal obligations of laboratory incident reporting under the HPTA.
- Utilize the "5 Ws" (Who, What, When, Where, Why) of incident reporting through the Biosecurity Portal.
- Explain the principles, the steps, and the timelines involved in laboratory incident investigation.
- Identify root cause(s) of laboratory incidents.

Suggested Background: Completion of PHAC's Laboratory Acquired Infections online course

Target Audience: New and Experienced Biosafety Professionals, Laboratory Workers

Audience Level: Basic

Language: Workshop will be conducted in English; answers to questions and materials will be made available in English and French