

Auburn University Policy for Biohazardous Materials

Auburn University is actively committed to preserving the health and safety of its students, staff, and faculty, and to protecting the environment and the community. It is recognized that use of potentially pathogenic microorganisms, infectious agents, human tissue and blood borne pathogens, and organisms containing recombinant DNA (rDNA) is necessary in many University research and teaching laboratories. To ensure the safe handling of these organisms, the University requires compliance with the *NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Materials*; *CDC/NIH Biosafety in the Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories*; *OSHA Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogen Standard Title 29, CFR Part 1910.1030* and with the recommendations in the Auburn University Biosafety Manual. The Auburn University Biological Safety Manual will constitute a portion of the written safety programs for those units which work with biohazardous materials (*Auburn University Safety Program Policy and Administration Manual* section IV, approved by resolution of the Auburn University Board of Trustees March 26, 1990). The Auburn University Biological Safety manual is consistent with all federal, state, and local requirements regarding biohazardous material. Compliance with other applicable federal, state, and local regulations is also required.

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President
Date 8/8/00

Source: AU Biosafety Manual

<http://www.auburn.edu/rms/pdf/bsm.html>

Temporary University Closing Policy

Purpose: The purpose of this section is to establish standard procedures to follow in the event it becomes necessary for Auburn University to temporarily close. In the event of such an incident, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Under the following conditions, it may be necessary for Auburn University to temporarily close:
 - a. Hazardous travel conditions due to severe/inclement weather.
 - b. Loss of power or malfunctioning of equipment due to weather conditions.
 - c. Equipment failure that could endanger faculty, staff or students.
2. The Assistant Vice President for Facilities will assess the weather conditions and, in conjunction with the Vice President for Administrative Services, notify the President before 6:00 a.m. of the need to temporarily close the University.
3. The President will make the decision to close or remain open.
4. The Vice President for Administrative Services will notify the Executive Director of University Relations of the decision.
5. The Executive Director of University Relations and his staff will contact the Director of Foy Student Union and the media listed below to alert them of the decision as soon after 6:00 a.m. as possible.

Source: AU Emergency Operations Plan

<http://www.auburn.edu/administration/safety/temp.html>