



Biological Safety Services

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This list of services is not exhaustive, please get in touch if there is something else you would like us to support you with

Competent Advice	Examples
General advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advice for work with biological agents, including cell cultures, Genetically Modified Organisms, (GMOs) bacteria, viruses and plants etc. Containment Levels 1-3.
Provision of support and guidance for inhouse Biological Safety Officers	
Provision of support and guidance for Plant Health Licence Holder	
Specific advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Covid-secure working arrangements• Assistance with statutory notifications• Biosecurity (CTSA, Schedule 5 etc.)• Plant Health Licensing (APHA)
Genetic Modification Safety Committee/Biosafety Committee assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set up, produce Terms of Reference (Charter)• Attendance, produce reports and papers• Sit on the committee as 'External Expert' to provide unbiased advice as per SACGM guidance
Liaison with other competent advisers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Occupational Health Providers• Biological Safety Officers
Liaison with Partner Organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landlords• Contracted services e.g. Waste Contractors
Attendance at meetings with production of reports as necessary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Biological Safety and Genetic Modifications Committee• General Health and Safety Committee

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Biological Samples Committee
Assistance with implementation and use of health and safety software systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evotix (formally SHE Assure), Learn (formally StoryShare), Qualipso, Sherpa, Helix and Enablon
Training	Examples
Identify training needs and development of training programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assist with the development of the company training needs analysis
Design and deliver bespoke training, with supporting documents such as handbooks and guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biological Safety and Genetic Modification – including risk assessment Management of spills including emergency response Human Tissue and the Human Tissue Authority (HTA) Laboratory induction CL1-CL3 Other specific topics as requested
Safety Audits and Inspections	Examples
Carry out safety audits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial audit/ gap analysis Targeted Biosafety audits including Human tissue audits to support any HTA licences, LRECs or Schedule 5 requirements
Carry out biological safety inspections including Human tissue, and schedule 5 targeted inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> And/or support departmental co-ordinators/representatives with their biological safety inspections
Develop audit and inspection tools for internal use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly inspection checklists Audit plans, checklists and SOPs
Risk Assessments	Examples
Assist managers with completion and/or review of risk assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advise on appropriate control measures Risk assessment template design
Incidents and Near Misses	Examples
Review incident and Near miss reports	



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Assist with incident/near miss investigations	
Assist the company with reporting of incidents/near misses to the HSE	For incidents/near misses reportable under the; Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 2013 - RIDDOR
Assist the Legal Services Department with information regarding claims	