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**Subject:** [Safetyshorts] Safety Short ANNOUNCEMENT 5/2/2005

In an attempt to document compliance with accrediting agency safety requirements for research labs, the OH&S Research Safety Team will be visiting all laboratories where research animals are used to verify that biosafety cabinets (BSC) requiring annual certification have a valid certification sticker. These units include but are not limited to those used with the following:

- Material of human origin
- Human pathogens
- Primary animal or human cell/tissue culture
- Animal husbandry
- Processes that create potentially infectious aerosols

During the month of May, the Research Safety Team will verify that the BSC has been certified and labeled within the last year. If the BSC does not require annual certification, they will tag it "Do Not Use for Personnel Protection".

In addition to the BSC verification, the Research Safety Team will confirm that laboratories housing pressurized gas cylinders are adequately and properly restraining them.

We appreciate your assistance and cooperation as we help confirm and document your laboratory's compliance. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Kyle Boyett.

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