

Research Compliance & Regulations

Within UConn

- Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S)
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- Institutional Biosafety Committee (IBC)
- Institutional Review Board (IRB)

Outside UConn

- State permits (collecting; site access; installation of equipment, ...)
- Federal permits (collecting)
- International permits (import/export; CITES)

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On, Together

Our community has demonstrated care and compassion for others throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and has been held up as a model to other universities for how to do this right. UConn and the state of Connecticut are very proud of this accomplishment, but our work is not done. As our community becomes increasingly protected by vaccinations, we still must take precautions and follow testing, social distancing, masking, and hygiene protocols.



Talk to your advisor about individual lab and field research safety plans



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- Lots to consider - only an introduction
- Details will vary depending on your research
- TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR
- Seek advice from other faculty who do similar research, especially if you are doing something that is unusual for your lab
- These rules will apply to anyone who works for/with you
- TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR

WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW

1. Find out what basic trainings you need
 - There was a new system last year – faculty may not be fully familiar with it yet
 - Log in to find out what trainings you need
 - Start working through them
2. Basic requirements that apply to most labs:
 - Initial Lab Safety & Chemical Waste Management
 - Chemical Hygiene Plan

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HuskySMS

Your one-stop shop for:

- Safety Training
- Safety Inspections
- IBC Registrations

SAFETY TRAINING

REGULATED WASTE MANAGEMENT

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Training

HuskySMS

Safety Management System
Powered by BioRAFT

EHS Training Delivery COVID-19 Response

Visit our [COVID-19 Resources page](#) to access COVID-19 training. If you have a NetID, you can complete the lesson in HuskySMS to have immediate access to a certificate of completion. Affiliates can complete the COVID-19 training lessons through the EHS website without a NetID. Your completion will still be recorded, and you will receive a confirmation email.

Currently, unless otherwise indicated, all EHS in-person training sessions are held on [UConn's official WebX system](#). To ensure security, and to accurately record participation, all WebX sessions for EHS lessons will be invitation only. All registered participants can expect an email with information about how to join the EHS training lesson 24 hours before the lesson is

Register Now

You must register for all EHS training lessons to ensure adequate space and availability. Courses with no participants registered may be cancelled. Walk-in attendance for cancelled classes will not be possible. Walk-in participants for courses with no registration may not be able to complete/participate in some training courses.

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Log in

[Log in with your UConn
NetID and Password](#)

[\(Click here for other access methods\)](#)

Welcome to HuskySMS – The University of Connecticut Safety Management System Powered by BioRAFT

[Please enter your UConn NetID and Password to log in.](#)

Access to this system is strictly limited to users associated to the University of Connecticut. All access is monitored and logged. If you do not have a NetID but need access to HuskySMS, please request access [here](#). We appreciate your patience as we authenticate and process your request.

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Log in


The screenshot displays the HuskySMS interface. At the top left, the logo reads "HuskySMS | Safety Management System Powered by BioRAFT". At the top right, it says "Welcome, Christopher Elphick" with links for "Home | Support | Logout". A left-hand navigation menu is visible with the following items: "+ Elphick (Christopher) Lab", "+ Research Tools", "+ Training", and "+ My Account". The main content area is titled "Welcome to HuskySMS!" and features a warning message: "Your training in the following course is overdue: Biosafety General (Online) Launch Course". Below this, there are two sections: "Announcements" and "Compliance E-Mail Inbox".

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Welcome to HuskySMS!

 Your training in the following course is overdue: [Biosafety General \(Online\) Launch Course](#)

Announcements

08/19/2021: [NEW GETTING STARTED VIDEO](#)
Are you a PI new to HuskySMS? We just published "Getting Started" a tutorial video to ... [\[more\]](#)

08/19/2021: [NEW 2021 COVID-19 Training](#)
We have updated COVID-19 safety training for fall 2021 UConn employees. Please visit the Course ... [\[more\]](#)

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Compliance E-Mail Inbox

07/12/2021	EHS Training Overdue
06/14/2021	EHS Training Overdue
06/14/2021	EHS Training Overdue
06/02/2021	Confirmation of Training Complet...

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Required Training

Status	Course Name	Renewal Date
	Biosafety General (Online)	Overdue!
	Chemical Hygiene Plan Confirmation (Online)	Never
	Biological Safety Considerations: Field Research with Birds (Online)	Never
	Biological Waste (Online)	Never
	Initial Laboratory Safety and Chemical Waste Management (Classroom)	Never
	Laboratory Safety and Chemical Waste Management Refresher (Online)	01/20/2022
	Shipping and Transportation of Biological Agents (Online)	06/02/2023
	COVID-19 Returning to Campus Training (Online)	Never

[Training History](#)

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POTENTIAL PITFALLS

System is relatively new:

- Your advisor might say you need to do an “ESTA” (the old system, but still around)
- The system might request unnecessary trainings

TALK TO YOUR ADVISOR

WHAT TO DO RIGHT NOW

3. Think about what your research* will involve?
 - Study vertebrates? = IACUC
 - Recombinant or synthetic-nucleic acid molecules, biological agents, toxins? = IBC
 - Human subjects (including surveys, self)? = IRB
 - Soils?
 - Radioactive materials?
 - X-rays?
 - Lasers?
 - Transporting/shipping biological materials?

*Note that all this applies to teaching too

Outside UConn

An example (one study)

- State permit to catch and mark birds (one for each state)
- Federal permit to catch and mark birds
- Federal permit to collect nests, dead eggs, chicks, etc.
- State permit to access state lands
- Special park permissions to take tree cores and tag trees
- Federal permit to access National Wildlife Refuge
- Individual landowner permissions for all other sites (dozens)
- State permit to install experimental exclosures

IMPORTANT:

PERMITS TAKE TIME (MONTHS!) TO GET APPROVED