



2026 BIOSAFETY MONTH CHALLENGE

How many of these have you done?
Cross them out!



Stop, Wash, Call! Find and verify that the poster is posted in your lab	Biological Hygiene Plan has been completed for lab and uploaded to lab's Bio Registration	Hazard Detective: Find and correct one potential safety hazard in your lab	Trivia! The lab is on fire. What should you do first? Hint: It's probably not saving your experiment	Lab staff (including PI) have completed Lab Safety Training within last 5 years
Is your biosafety cabinet certification or fume hood annual check up to date?	Check your inspection report on BioRAFT. If Gerda or Abigail inspected your lab then you get this space free!	Your Biological Registration has been submitted on BioRAFT (at least 1 project must be submitted)	<u>Lab Safety</u> <u>Contact Cards</u> are posted on lab entrances and updated within the last year	<u>Chemical</u> <u>Inventory</u> for lab has been updated this year
Trivia! What are 3 things you should never do with a needle?	Find and verify your spill contents are checked and have been resupplied if needed	Participate in the 2026 Biosafety Month Lab Challenge 	Are all your lab spaces updated on BioRAFT? Verify all your laboratory spaces are correct	Safety Selfie! Take a picture with your properly worn PPE
Storytime! What's the weirdest safety hazard you've ever seen?	Are all your hazardous liquid chemicals being stored in compatible secondary containment?	Trivia! How long should you wash your hands for?	Scavenger Hunt! Find 5 emergency resources in your lab	Lab staff (including PI) have completed Bloodborne Pathogens Training within last year
What Risk Group are your lab's biological agents, and what BSL level is your lab? Bonus points if you can explain the difference!	Lab emergency contacts on SciShield (BioRAFT) lab profile with current 24/7 phone numbers	Clear the Way! Verify that all emergency exits and escape routes are clear and unobstructed	Is your biohazard waste properly contained? Check the bag and make sure the outer container is labeled and in good condition	Trivia! Can you name 3 chemical hazard classes commonly found in laboratories?



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2026 Annual Biosafety Month Lab Challenge Instructions

Completed Challenge Cards should be submitted to
biosafety@miami.edu.

All laboratories are eligible to participate in the Annual Biosafety Month Lab Challenge. The challenge runs throughout the month of October, and completed Challenge Cards must be submitted by midnight on October 31, 2026 to be eligible to win the Biosafety Month Lab Challenge Trophy.

The laboratory group that completes the most activities and correctly answers the questions on the Challenge Card will win the trophy. In the event of a tie, the tied laboratory groups will be entered into a random drawing to select the winner.

Challenge Rules

1. Complete as many activities and questions on the Challenge Card as possible.
2. You do not need to complete every box to submit your entry.
3. For each completed box, keep track of the date completed. For question boxes, record your answer.
4. Submit your completed Challenge Card to biosafety@miami.edu by midnight on October 31, 2026.
5. In your email submission, include the dates completed, answers to questions, and photos needed to verify the activities you completed.
6. Photos should clearly show the completed activity or applicable safety item/area.
7. Only one Challenge Card per laboratory group will be accepted. If multiple entries are submitted, the first submission received will be used as the official entry.

Verification

The EHS Biosafety Team will review the submitted dates, answers, and photos to verify completion of the Challenge Card activities.

Winner

The winner of the Biosafety Month Lab Challenge Trophy will be notified by November 21, 2026.

Check the EHS Biosafety Month webpage for more information, including a link to download the Challenge Card, photos, and announcements related to the trophy recipient.