

## **University of Massachusetts/Amherst Biological Safety Mission Statement**



The University of Massachusetts-Amherst Biosafety Program's primary mission is to support science in assuring the safety of the research, the scientists, the public and the environment by providing biosafety and research compliance guidance. We provide a wide range of services that include training on handling biohazardous agents & materials, laboratory assessments, protocol/SOP reviews, risk assessments for labs and vivarium, regulatory oversight & guidance for recombinant DNA and synthetic nucleic acid molecule research, registration reviews for rDNA and synthetic nucleic acid molecules, animal models, human source materials and infectious agents etc. In addition we are responsible for the organization and are voting members of the following safety related committees on campus: the Occupational Health Committee, Institutional Biosafety Committee, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, Infection Control Committee, and also manage various safety equipment on campus including biological safety cabinets, clean benches, and autoclaves.