

# UMBC Laboratory Animal Risk Assessment Form



Please download and complete this brief assessment to determine your potential risks when working in UMBC's animal facilities. Email completed forms to [esh@umbc.edu](mailto:esh@umbc.edu). You will be contacted by Environmental Safety and Health if follow up medical services are required. Services include physical evaluations, immunizations, and laboratory testing. All information collected in this form will be stored with Environmental Safety and Health in accordance with current regulatory, privacy, and confidentiality requirements.

Risk assessments are integral part of UMBC's Laboratory Animal Facilities Occupational Health & Safety Plan (OHSP) which serves to educate and promote safe practices, personnel safety, as well as prevent occupational injury and illness for the animal care personnel who work with laboratory animals at UMBC. Animal care personnel include individuals who handle live laboratory animals, animal cages, cage accessories or have contact with animal tissues, body fluids or wastes in which a potential exposure may exist. **A tetanus immunization within the past ten (10) years is required for any personnel to work with animals at UMBC.** Animal care personnel that are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, are ill, or have impaired immunocompetence should consult a physician regarding such conditions and how they might pertain to their working with laboratory animals.

The OHSP is written in accordance with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County's Animal Welfare Assurance of Compliance with the Public Health Service Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (# A3784-01) and is consistent with the principles outlined in the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Safety and Health at 410-455-2918 / [esh@umbc.edu](mailto:esh@umbc.edu) or the Office for Research Protections

Enter your name

Enter your department

What is your position? (check all that apply)

Faculty

- Research Assistant
- Staff
- Student
- Animal Care Technician
- Lab Technician
- Other:

Identify the animal species you will be working with (check all that apply). Skip this question if you do not work directly with animals

- Mice
- Rats
- Amphibians - tanked
- Amphibians - field studies
- Birds - caged
- Birds - field studies
- Fish - tanked
- Fish - field studies

Do you have any allergies to animals?

- Yes
- No

Do you have any potential workplace allergies? e.g., latex

- Yes  
If yes, please explain
- No

When were you last vaccinated for Tetanus? Enter the four digit year (e.g.1987). A tetanus vaccination within the past 10 years is required for any personnel to work with animals at UMBC.

Are you aware of any reason why you should not work with laboratory animals?

Yes

No

**By submitting this form for review:**

I acknowledge the information I provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I have been provided the opportunity to download and read:

The Basic Guide for Working Safely with Animals

The UMBC Occupational Health and Safety Plan