

Orientation to Biorisk Management



Introductions

- Instructors
- Students
 - What is your name?
 - Where are you from?
 - What do you hope to gain from this course?



Action Plan

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Key Messages

- “Biosafety”, “biosecurity”, “biorisk”, and “biorisk management system” are common biorisk terms that relate to and support each other.
- AMP (Assessment, Mitigation, and Performance) is a simple but powerful model for managing biorisks.
- Implementing a comprehensive biorisk management system is critical to reduce both the safety and security risks associated with biological agents.
- Some key factors for establishing and implementing a successful biorisk management system include commitment by top management and a focus on continual improvement.
- CWA 15793 is a comprehensive framework for managing biorisks developed through international collaboration.

Group Exercise

In your group, discuss and answer the following two questions:

1. **What are the risks when working with biological materials?**
2. **Where does work with biological materials occur?**

Take **10 minutes** and write down your answers; be prepared to share your answers with the class.

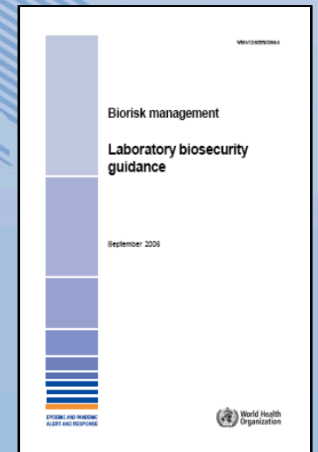
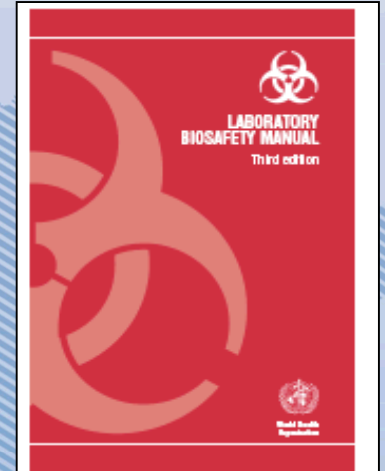


Definitions

- **Laboratory biosafety:** containment principles, technologies, and practices implemented to prevent unintentional exposure to pathogens and toxins, or their unintentional release¹
- **Laboratory biosecurity:** protection, control and accountability for valuable biological materials within laboratories, in order to prevent their unauthorized access, loss, theft, misuse, diversion or intentional release²

¹Laboratory Biosafety Manual, Third edition (World Health Organization, 2004)

² Biorisk management - Laboratory biosecurity guidance (World Health Organization, 2006)



Group Exercise

In your group, discuss and answer the following questions:

1. **What is one example of a biosafety measure?**
2. **What is one example of a biosecurity measure?**

Take **5 minutes** and write down your answers on post-it notes, **one idea per note**. Be prepared to share your answers with the class.



What is Biorisk?

Risk associated with biological materials

Biorisk = biosafety + biosecurity risks

Group Exercise: Step 1

In your group, discuss and answer the following three questions:

1. How do you identify biorisks?
2. What are some things you can do to manage these risks?
3. How do you know that your risk management is working, and will continue to work?

Take **10 minutes** and write down your answers on post-it notes, **one idea per note**.

Key Components of Biorisk Management

Biorisk **Assessment**

- Process of identifying the hazards and evaluating the risks associated with biological agents and toxins, taking into account the adequacy of any existing controls, and deciding whether or not the risks are acceptable



Key Components of Biorisk Management

☣ Biorisk **Mitigation**

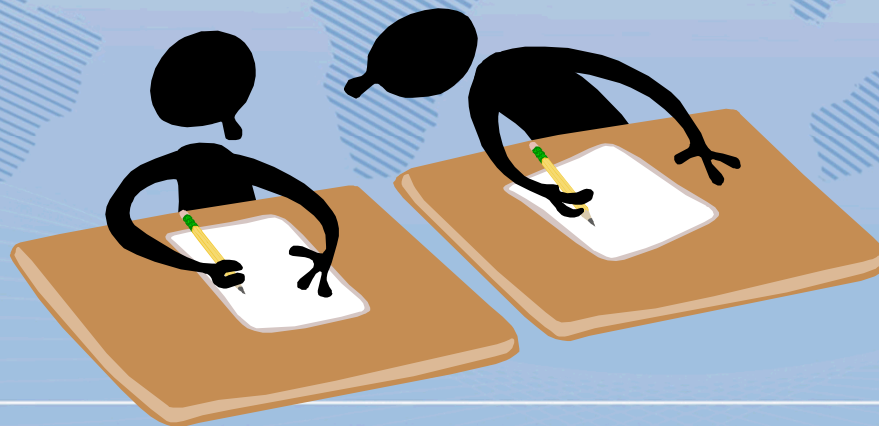
- Actions and control measures that are put into place to reduce or eliminate the risks associated with biological agents and toxins



Key Components of Biorisk Management

☢ Performance

- Implementation of the entire biorisk management system, including evaluating and ensuring that the system is working the way it was designed. Another aspect of performance is the process of continually improving the system.



Group Exercise: Step 2

Let's get organized. Take the *post-it notes*, and place them under the **appropriate category**:

Assessment	Mitigation	Performance

Biorisk Management: the **AMP** Model

Biorisk Management =
Assessment, **M**itigation, **P**erformance

Management System

A management system is a set of interrelated elements used to establish policy and objectives and to achieve those objectives.¹

Group Exercise:

In your group, discuss and answer the following question:

What results would you expect in a situation with a good management system in place versus no management system at all?

Take **10 minutes** and write down your answers; be prepared to share your answers with the class.

¹CWA 15793 – Laboratory biorisk management (CEN, 2011)

Important Elements of a Management System



Top Management Commitment



Documentation and Document Control

Teamwork and Communication



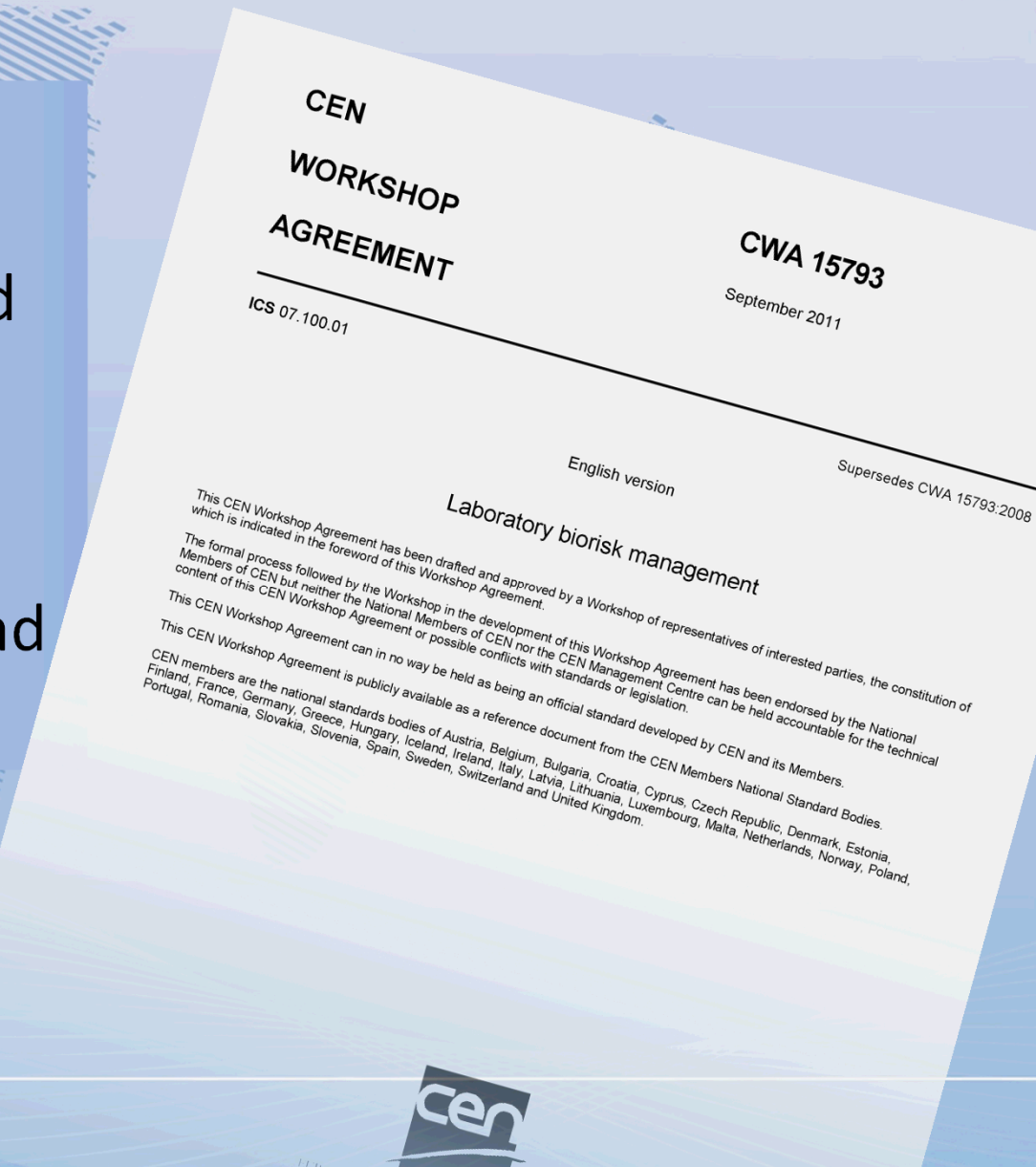
**Planning,
Establishing Goals & Objectives**



Training and Staff Awareness

Laboratory Biorisk Management

System or process to control **safety** and **security** risks associated with the handling or storage and disposal of **biological agents** and toxins in laboratories and facilities



CWA 15793 – Laboratory Biorisk Management

- Comprehensive **framework** for a biosafety & biosecurity (biorisk) program
- Based on a management systems approach
- Designed for all laboratories that handle biological materials
- **Freely available** on the CEN website:
ftp://ftp.cenorm.be/CEN/Sectors/TCandWorkshops/Workshops/CWA15793_September2011.pdf

CWA 15793 – International Approach

- Derived from the current **WHO Biosafety and Biosecurity Guidelines**
- Consistent with other international standards such as
 - ISO 9001/14001 and OSHAS18001
- **Not country specific**
 - **Local solutions possible**
 - Compliance with national and local regulations mandatory



CWA 15793 – Major Sections

4.1 General Requirements

4.2 Policy

4.3 Planning

4.4
Implementation
and Operation

4.5 Checking
and Corrective
Action

4.6 Review

- **Assessment**
 - Hazard Identification
 - Risk Assessment
- **Mitigation**
 - Good microbiological technique
 - Waste management
 - Physical security
- **Performance**
 - Performance measurement and analysis of data
 - Management review

CWA 15793 is Performance-Oriented

- Describes *what* needs to be achieved
- Allows *organizations* to determine how best to achieve those objectives
- *Not* a technical document
- Example:

4.4.4.5.3 Waste Management

The organization shall establish and maintain an appropriate waste management policy for biological agents and toxins

Group Exercise: Step 1

1. Individually, carefully **read** the exercise.
2. Split into groups:
 - ☣ **Identify *problems* with Biorisk Management.** These problems could be associated with assessment, mitigation, or performance.
 - ☣ Use post-it notes, **one for each problem.** Place the post-it notes on your flip chart.
 - ☣ Discuss how these problems affected the institution.
3. Share your results with the class.

Group Exercise: Step 2

1. Choose **one** biorisk management **problem** from the previous exercise:
 - ☢ **Identify** the **specific paragraphs** in **CWA 15793** that apply to this problem. Is the organization in **conformance** with **CWA 15793**?
 - ☢ **Recommend** specific **changes** in biorisk management that the leadership can implement to address this problem.
2. Record your conclusions on a flip chart.
3. Share your results with the class.



CWA 15793 – Implementation

How to implement CWA 15793?
How would you eat a dinosaur?



CWA 15793 – Implementation

How to implement CWA 15793?
One bite at a time



Plenary Discussion

Process for the implementation of a biorisk management system

- 1. What needs to be in place before starting?**
- 2. Where would you start?**
- 3. Are there past experiences that may provide guidance?**

Individual Reflection

If you could make three **changes** to the management system at your facility today, what would be your **top three priorities**?

1.?

2.?

3.?

Group Exercise

In your group, discuss and answer the following question:

What are the key challenges or factors to consider in establishing and implementing a biorisk management system?

Take **5 minutes** and write down at least 3 – 5 factors; be prepared to share your answers with the class.



Review - Introduction to Biorisk Management

For **10 minutes**, let's discuss what we have learned about **biorisk management**.

What did we learn?

What does it mean?

Where do we go from here?

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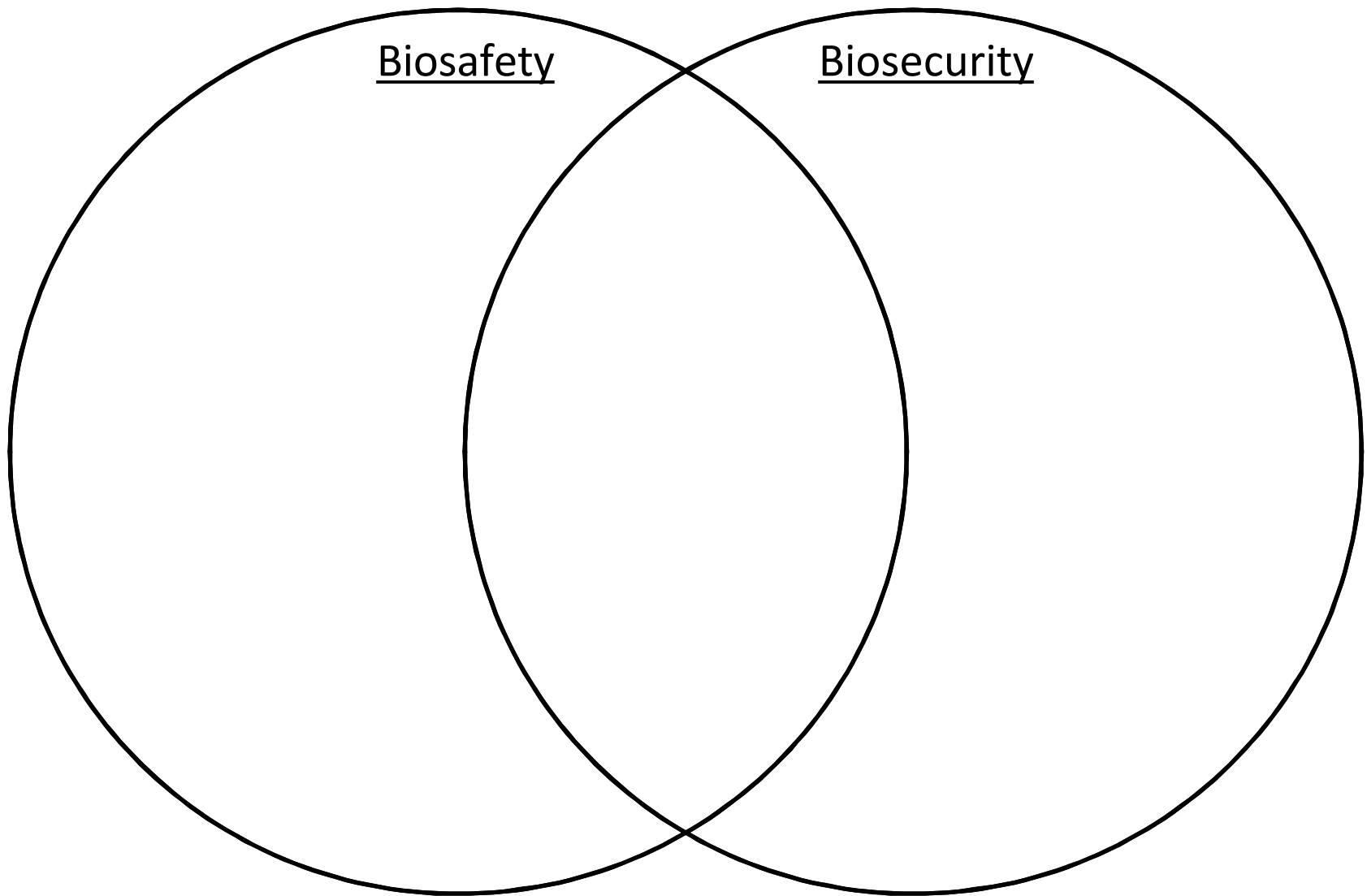
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Thank You!

Don't forget to complete your evaluation!





Biosafety

- Engineering Controls (i.e. biosafety cabinets, directional airflow, anterooms)
- Good laboratory work practices (i.e. hand washing, spill clean-up)
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Practices and Procedures

Biosecurity

- Access control
- Personnel management/reliability
- Inventory of biological hazards
- Proper decontamination/disposal of waste materials
- Proper shipping procedures

- Doors with locks
- Password/PIN
- Card readers
- Biometric (i.e. fingerprints)
- Cameras
- Information security
- Security guards
- Fences
- Bars on windows
- Magnetic locks
- Magnetic switches on doors
- Alarms