



INVENTORY CONTROL

Risk Group 2 and 3 Materials

While inventory records may be retained within the context of experimental records, it is important to be able to demonstrate an overarching inventory control. Inventory records must be available for review by regulators during site visits or by the Biosafety Risk Specialist during inspections.

While your Biohazardous Materials Use Certificate (BMUC) does provide an overarching inventory; it is recognized that records of derived cell cultures or modified pathogens are retained within the laboratory.

Storage locations must have records indicating the contents of freezers, liquid nitrogen etc. This is especially important in the case of equipment failure, where immediate intervention may be required, or key samples must be recovered.

Biosecurity would indicate that full disclosure of content should be restricted to authorized persons.

Risk Group 1 or Diagnostic Samples

While Risk Group 1 and diagnostic samples are not regulated by PHAC, the University of Ottawa's Biosafety Program does manage these materials, although without the same level of requirements. This is important as material may inadvertently be misclassified or in the case of emergency one wants to mitigate the potential for inflation of the risk and hence the response.