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Our responses

## **About Our Lab form**

## Due Monday, June 23, 2014

This form is for you to tell us about your laboratory space and your safety equipment. If you need help, please consult your faculty advisor or laboratory manager. You can also read the Safety Hub for basic information about different types of biology labs.

- We encourage STUDENTS, instead of instructors, to complete this form.
- While you type, this form will remember your answers. When you are finished, press the "Submit" button at the bottom to send your form to the iGEM Safety Committee.
- Submit this form by Monday, June 23, 2014. If your project changes later, send an email to safety (AT) igem (DOT) org. Then you can un-submit your form, edit your answers, and submit again.
- If you will not be able to complete the About Our Lab form before the deadline, email us before June 23 and tell us about your situation.
- 1. a) Does your country use a four-part "Safety Level" rating system for laboratories? (The system might be called in English "Risk Levels", "Bio-Safety Levels", "Containment Levels", "Bio-Security Levels", or some similar name.) (Click here for help)

If yes, which level is used for the *most dangerous* organisms?

Yes. Level 4 is used for the most dangerous organisms. (True for most countries in Asia, the European Union, and North/South America. This is equivalent to the WHO system.)

b) What is the Safety Level of your lab? (Use the WHO numbering system, in which Level 4 is used for the most dangerous organisms.)

Level 1 (low risk, ~= WHO BSL 1)

2. a) What type of work environments do you use to handle biological materials? Please check all that apply. (Click here for help)

Open benches

Laminar flow hood / biosafety cabinet with open front

b) Do you handle different materials in different work environments? If yes, please describe what materials you handle in what work environments.

No

3. What personal protective equipment do you use in your lab? Please check all that apply.

Lab coats

Gloves

Safety glasses / goggles

4. How do you dispose of biological waste? (For example: liquid cell cultures, agar plates, used pipette tips.)

Liquid cell culture is first killed then autoclaved before disposal. All other waste is disposed of in their respective bins.