



Biosafety Cabinet Certification

A biosafety cabinet (BSC) is used as a primary barrier against exposure to infectious/potentially infectious biological agents. A properly working BSC protects laboratory personnel, visitors, and the environment from exposure, and also protects the research material itself.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) recommend in [Biosafety in Microbiological and Biomedical Laboratories, Sixth Edition \(revised 2019\)](#), that BSCs are certified at the time of installation, any time the BSC has been moved, has a filter replaced, and annually thereafter. This certification ensures that a BSC is in good working order.

The Environmental Health & Safety Office (EH&S) has an inventory list of BSCs on the UT Arlington (UTA) campus and will monitor due dates and send reminders to the principal investigators for the annual certifications. EH&S maintains records of these certifications. Please notify EH&S at 817-272-2185 when any new BSCs have been purchased.

Compliance with the safety guideline of annual certification for BSCs (and any new units purchased), repair maintenance, replacement parts and/or decontaminations of BSCs is the responsibility of UTA departments, including payment.

Keeping biosafety cabinets in good working order makes UTA a safer place to work and learn!

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