

Emergency Contact Information

It is necessary for safety personnel to locate any employee or student in case of an emergency. Since field laboratories are, by definition, away from the normal laboratory meeting room, verify there is information on record in the responsible departmental office noting the location of such laboratories or field research. A course syllabus listing local destinations is adequate in most cases. For overnight or longer trips, file a detailed itinerary with emergency telephone contacts

Field Safety Guidelines

1. Use a "buddy system" for field work such that each individual has a partner who knows their whereabouts at all times.
2. A small first-aid kit should be carried by a designated person who is familiar and trained with basic first aid and CPR.
3. The field lab leader should be aware of

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Bites from venomous snakes are a risk and care should be taken to avoid snakes in the field. Participants should have recognition for common snakes in the area and should never knowingly handle a venomous snake.

24 hours, or immediately for serious cases involving overnight hospitalization, amputation, permanent disfigurement, or fatality.

Resources:

Demery, A.J.C. and Pipkin, M.A., 2021. Safe fieldwork strategies for at-risk individuals, their supervisors and institutions. *Nature Ecology & Evolution*, 5, 5-9.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41559-020-01328-5>

The National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health (NIOSH): Hazards to outdoor workers.

<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/outdoor/default.html>