

# University Occupational Health and Safety Information Sheet

## BIOHAZARD SIGNAGE

### 1. REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE COSHH REGULATIONS

Under the COSHH Regulations 2002 there is a requirement to display suitable and sufficient warning signs where work with biological agents is taking place. The biohazard sign required by COSHH shall be in the form shown below.

#### 1.1. Biohazard signage

The biohazard sign is shown in Figure 1. The dimensions of the sign are not prescribed however reasonable judgement must be made to ensure that the sign is easily visible, both with respect to size and position.

The biohazard sign should be displayed on access points to laboratories, and on equipment such as incubators and fridges/freezers where biological material is used/stored.



Figure 1. Biohazard sign.

#### 1.2. Biohazard signage at access points to containment laboratories

A biohazard sign (see Section 1.1) should also be posted at the access points to laboratories that operate at containment level 2 and above. In addition to the biohazard sign the containment level should also be displayed in a format as shown in Figure 2 and should be displayed immediately below the biohazard sign.

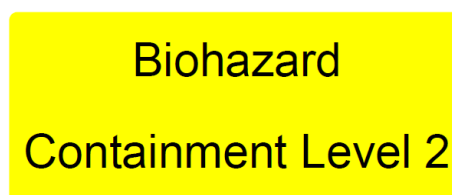


Figure 2. Containment level sign.