

**Northern Kentucky University
Institutional Animal Care and Use Policy**

Requirement for Safety Committee Approval Prior to IACUC Protocol Approval

In order to meet accreditation requirements, the Northern Kentucky University (NKU) IACUC is responsible for determining if biological, chemical or radiological hazards are involved in the proposed research. If the research has been deemed potentially hazardous, the protocol will be flagged as such and forwarded to the appropriate representative for review.

- The Institutional BioSafety Committee (IBC) will review protocols involving potentially infectious materials or recombinant DNA.
- The IBC will review all protocols involving hazardous chemicals.
- The Radiation Safety Officer will review any protocols dealing with ionizing or non-ionizing radiation.

While IACUC protocols will be reviewed prior to approval by the safety committees, IACUC approval will be contingent upon other approved reviews.

For protocol modifications, the modified portion of the protocol cannot be approved until the necessary safety office has approved it.

Principal Investigators are strongly advised to check with appropriate safety offices prior to the submission of animal protocols to the IACUC.

Contact information for all University safety offices can be found on the IACUC link on the Research, Grants & Contracts website at <http://rgc.nku.edu/irb/IACUC.php>