

## Release of Transgenic Materials

The approved facilities and procedures listed in your biosafety protocol should keep recombinant or transgenic materials contained. However, accidents can occur that result in a release of the material.

A release can include any of the following:

- Disposal of recombinant or transgenic materials before inactivation
- Escaped transgenic animal
- Introduction of transgenic plant into environment without a permit

A release of recombinant or transgenic materials **is a reportable event**. The following notifications must be made:

- Notify the Biological Safety Officer (BSO) using the online "First Report of Exposure or Release" form within 24 hours (available on the OBS website, [www.ehs.wisc.edu/biosafety](http://www.ehs.wisc.edu/biosafety)). This form can be filled out by anyone in the laboratory.
- Notify the PI on the project.
- Notify the facility manager if you are working in a vivarium, greenhouse, or other shared space.

Following the release, an evaluation of procedures, containment devices and facilities must be performed to prevent future releases.