Welcome to Safetycasts in A Minute presented to you by the National Institutes of Health.

Every October is National Biosafety Stewardship Month.

It’s a special time when responsible people like you promote biosafety by updating their biological inventory.

All potentially hazardous biological materials must be registered with NIH Safety and included in your inventory.

This includes pathogens, toxins, blood and body fluids, and primary tissue samples.

[Negative 80 degree freezer moves to right side of screen and reduces. Robot appears on left side of screen. Robot midsection]
reads “Do Inventory.” Robot holds tablet in left hand “Inventory List” with three checks.]

Be sure to check your freezers and other storage areas for unregistered potentially hazardous biological materials.

[Robot’s midsection reads “Unregistered Materials.” Tablet in robot’s right hand shows an orange biological hazard symbol and a question mark.]

If you find unregistered material

[Tablet in robot’s right hand reads “Pathogen Registration Document.”]

submit a Pathogen Registration Document to the NIH Division of Occupational Health and Safety DOHS.

[Robot and freezer disappear.]

[Robot appears from center back and zooms to full screen. Robot’s midsection reads “NIH Central Inventory” and URL.]

Next, update your record online in the NIH Central Inventory at http://go.usa.gov/xkYZb.

Principal Investigators can add materials to the NIH Central Inventory themselves or make other changes by contacting DOHS.

[Robot pixelates out.]
If you’re leaving NIH or no longer need your material, make sure you document the transfer or disposal of your material with DOHS and your Institute.

Biosafety is everyone’s responsibility. Be responsible and make sure your biological inventory is current.

For information on this or other NIH Safety Programs, contact the Division of Occupational Health and Safety at 301-496-2960 or on line at http://go.usa.gov/xCCae.