



International Federation of
Biosafety Associations



Strengthening Global Health Security:

The Role of Professional Biosafety Associations

The International Federation of Biosafety Associations (IFBA) is not-for-profit non-governmental organization that brings together regional and national Biosafety Associations from all areas of the world. We are a global community of certified biorisk management professionals, scientists, laboratory personnel, architects, engineers, academics and policy makers who have a common goal of advancing sustainable biosafety and biosecurity strategies.

Strengthening global health security requires a coordinated approach and action at the local level. In addition to government policy and funding investments, turning national strategies into practice is highly dependent on local context and an understanding what happens on, or close to, the front line. The IFBA recognizes that tapping into the experiences and competencies of biosafety professionals and those who work directly with biological materials in laboratories is a key factor for success.





The IFBA's network of biosafety associations and certified professionals are exercising considerable initiative and ingenuity to implement and sustain biosafety, biosecurity and biorisk management best practices in their respective countries. By forming crucial links with national governments, biosafety associations are participating in the policymaking process to develop global health strategies that will be successfully implemented at the local level and sustainable over the long term.

Our goal is to “think globally, act locally” by ensuring global health security initiatives are translated into national policies and result in local action.

