

Exemption Help Guide

Note: The following is meant to be used as a guide and example. It does not take the place of the official rule book.

Changes for 2008 denoted in red

Research Area	Defined	Examples	Pre-approval Required?
Human Subjects	Any project studying humans including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subjects participating in physical activities • psychological and opinion studies (any questionnaire used) • behavioral observations • If the researcher is the study of the research, the project falls under the human subjects rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do boys or girls hearts beat faster after exercise? • Do people prefer living in the city or country? 	YES
Vertebrate Animals	Live, nonhuman vertebrate mammalian embryos or fetuses, bird and reptile eggs within three days (72 hours) of hatching, and all other nonhuman vertebrates at hatching or birth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the best method to train my dog to sit? • How long does it take for a rat to learn to run a maze? • What are the best conditions for a tadpole to develop in? 	YES
Potentially Hazardous Biological Agents	Projects incorporating microorganisms (including bacteria, viruses, viroids, prions, rickettsia, fungi (mold), and parasites), recombinant DNA (rDNA) technologies or human or animal fresh tissues, blood, or body fluids may involve working with potentially hazardous biological agents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Which foods get moldy the fastest? • How much pollution is in the air? • Using plant antibiotic properties to control the growth of bacteria. 	YES
Hazardous chemicals, activities or devices	Controlled substances, including DEA classed substances, prescription drugs, consumable ethyl alcohol, and tobacco. Hazardous chemicals and equipment, firearms, radioactive substances and radiation. Differentiation between hazardous and non-hazardous chemicals can best be determined by utilizing the Materials Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does the temperature of a paintball affect the distance it goes when shot? • How to design a potato cannon to shoot farther. • Does beer make plants grow faster? 	NO, but may require forms 1C, 2, and/or 3