

NEIDL Agent Incident Reporting Summary April 2021 - June 2021, Q2

Date of Incident	Incident Type / Agent Involved	BSL	Description	Reportable Incident	Reportable of Clinical Illness	Agency Reported To	Comments / Corrective Actions
4/6/21	Syncopal episode while in ABSL-4 - no biological exposure concern	ABSL 4	ROHP received a call at 9:20 am from the Medical Director at the NEIDL reporting she received a call from Biosafety officer that a researcher collapsed in the Animal BSL4 suite and was being escorted out of containment through the chemical shower.	No	No	N/A	EHS is continuing follow up investigation.
6/7/21	Right upper back muscle strain	BSL 4	A General Mechanic for the NEIDL Facilities Dept. walked into ROHP at 10:35 am reporting he felt a pull in his upper right back with some shortness of breath at about 9:00 am this morning.	No	No	N/A	<p>On Monday, 6/7/2021 at 9 am, general mechanic pulled his right back while moving freezer from one room to another inside the BSL4 laboratory. In containment he worked with his coworker and the ramp was used to move freezer trough a bump on the floor. The legs of the freezer stuck on the floor or the ramp while he was trying to move it. Mechanic was wearing standard BSL4 PPE; positive pressure suit and suit gloves and was connected to the air during the freezer move. There was no breach or hazardous agent exposure or any concerns. Mechanic was evaluated by ROHP after he exited the laboratory. ROHP and supervisor were contacted and Staff was evaluated by ROHP. Mechanic was sent home for the day and asked to follow up with ROHP the next day. After the follow up on 6/8 mechanic was cleared for work with restriction of: no lifting or pulling more than 15 pounds keeping below shoulder level. Root cause was equipment related.</p> <p>Steps to prevent recurrence in the future</p>