

Research Ethics and Compliance



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Outline

- Research Ethics and Compliance Unit
- Why – Who – What – How – When
- Research Branch





Research Ethics and Compliance Unit

- Animal Ethics
 - Animal Ethics Committee
- Human Research Ethics
 - Human Research Ethics Committee
- Gene Technology Compliance
 - Institutional Biosafety Committee
- Quarantine Compliance
- Security-sensitive Biological Agents Compliance

- www.adelaide.edu.au/ethics
- Level 7, 115 Grenfell Street





Why you need to comply

- Responsibility
- Legislative requirements

including

- South Australian Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1985
- Australian code of practice for the care and use of animals for scientific purposes. 7th Edition 2004
- National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007
- NHMRC Values and Ethics - Guidelines for Ethical Conduct in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Research
- NHMRC Guidelines Under section 95 of the Privacy Act 1988
- NHMRC Guidelines approved under Section 95A of the Privacy Act 1988
- Gene Technology Act 2000
- Gene Technology Regulations 2001
- Genetically Modified Crops Management Act 2004
- Quarantine Act 1908
- National Health Security Act 2007





Why you need to comply

- Liability and indemnification
- Funding requirements
- Standards and best practice

Consequences !!!!





Who needs to comply

- All University personnel
- All non University personnel using University facilities
- All student research

- Dual clearance

- Supervisor = Principal investigator / Applicant
- Student = Co-researcher





What is regulated

- to use animals for teaching, research or experimentation
- for any activity involving human research
 - ie. research conducted with or about people or their data or tissue
- to deal with genetically modified organisms (GMOs)
- to import and work with material from overseas
- to handle security sensitive biological agents





How to comply

- Get approval / authorisation / permit / registration
- Forms available on University Ethics and Compliance web site
- Different processes for different committees / institutions
- Quality of application \approx speed of approval





When to apply

- Prior to commencing the work
- Prior to amendments / changes / variations





Maintaining your compliance

- Ongoing compliance with approval / permit conditions
- Reporting
 - Incidents / adverse events
 - Amendments
 - Annual
- Training requirements
 - particularly in relation to containment facilities
 - training sessions / workshops





Research Branch

- Assistance with research funding opportunities
- Grant administration
- Research policy
- Research ethics and compliance administration
- General strategic advice to researchers and research leaders

- Research Branch Mailing List 'Research Info'
- Research Branch Bulletin
- www.adelaide.edu.au/rb





If in any doubt ...

- contact the Research Ethics and Compliance Unit to confirm what, if any, approvals your research requires

