Theft or Loss of a Select Agent or Toxin

An entity is required by regulation to notify the Federal Select Agent Program (FSAP) immediately upon:

- Discovery of an unauthorized removal of a select agent or toxin (i.e., a theft) in a laboratory.
- Discovery of the failure to account for a select agent or toxin (i.e., a loss) in a laboratory.

Upon notification, FSAP helps to ensure that any potential risks to the health of humans, animals, or plants – or further vulnerabilities to inventory – are addressed and that appropriate federal authorities are informed of any potential criminal activity.

Since the program's establishment in 2003:
- There have been no reported thefts of select agents or toxins.
- The vast majority of reported losses are the result of recordkeeping issues. No indications of criminal intent have been identified.

Entity identifies a theft or loss

Entity notifies appropriate federal, state, or local law enforcement agencies, as required

Entity reports to FSAP:
- Immediately via phone call or email
- Within 7 days, an official report is required by filling out the APHIS/CDC Form 3

FSAP shares this information with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI):
- FBI has authority to investigate these incidents in order to determine if a violation of federal law occurred
- This may result in criminal penalties

If an investigation is opened by FBI:
- FSAP is informed by FBI of whether or not there were indications of criminal intent