

# 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.

