



# Fact Sheet

## Field Research Safety Program: Protecting Researchers Beyond Research

### **W**hat is the Field Research Safety Program?

Temple University's Field Research Safety Program provides guidance, tools, and resources to support the **health and safety of faculty, staff, and students** conducting research in **remote, outdoor, or off-campus environments**. The program helps research teams plan safely, respond to emergencies, and meet university safety standards while working beyond the laboratory.

#### Who Needs This Program?

- Faculty, staff, and students conducting **outdoor, remote, or off-campus research**
- Projects involving **wildlife, water sampling, hiking, or overnight trips**
- Any university-affiliated research travel involving **environmental, biological, or physical hazards**

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#### Key Features & Services

| Feature                     | Description  |
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| Field Safety Plan Templates | Standardized documents to assess hazards and outline mitigation steps.   |
| Pre-Trip Safety Checklists  | Ensure you're prepared with equipment, contacts, and training.           |
| Training Resources          | Access to CPR, First Aid, Wilderness Safety, and more.                   |
| Loanable Safety Equipment   | Radios, satellite communicators, first aid kits, AEDs – free to borrow!  |
| Emergency Response Guidance | What to do if there's an injury, exposure, or incident while off-site.   |
| Post-Incident Reporting     | Clear instructions for documenting and reporting issues after fieldwork. |



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# How to Use the Program



*Follow these steps before, during, and after field research activities.*

- 1. Download the Field Safety Plan [template](#)**  
Customize it for your trip's location, team, and hazards
- 2. Visit the Program [Website](#)**
- 3. Request [Equipment](#) (If Needed)**  
Contact EHRS in advance to reserve loaner safety equipment.
- 4. [Train](#) Your Team**  
Ensure all team members are briefed and trained before heading out. Responsibility for training rests with individual groups, personnel, and Principal Investigators (PIs), who must ensure team members are properly prepared before engaging in work activities.
- 5. Conduct Your Trip Safely**  
Follow your plan, use checklists, and stay in communication.
- 6. Report Incidents Promptly to local emergency services by calling 911**  
Use [Temple University's reporting process](#) for injuries, exposures, or unsafe conditions.

## ***Safety Starts With Preparation.***

**Use the Field Research Safety Program to protect your people, data, and peace of mind.**

## *Quick Take*

- **Complete a Field Safety Plan** before conducting off-campus or remote research
- **Ensure all team members are trained and briefed** prior to field activities
- **Carry required safety and communication equipment** at all times.
- **Call 911 first for emergencies**, then notify EHRS as soon as possible