

# FIELD RESEARCH SAFETY

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### General Introduction

All science, whether conducted in the laboratory or in the field, requires regular safety training and the development of safety protocols for all projects. The office of Environmental Health and Safety at Alabama A&M University develops and enforces safety protocols, guidelines and procedures for the protection of the formation of safety protocols for the individual. Individuals are responsible for those around them.

### Introduction to Field Safety

Field research is defined here as research, undertaken by employees in the laboratory. Ultimately, field research is defined by unpredictable events that are unpredictable and of hazards and exercising good judgment to physical health, emotional stress, nature of the research itself, from the cultural environment of the field.

For these guidelines, the following definitions apply:

- A principal investigator is a person who conducts research.
- A field supervisor is a person who conducts research on location.
- A field worker is a person who works on location.

**Solitary field research activities should be conducted after full assessment of the risks.** In circumstances where solitary field research is necessary, the responsibilities of field supervisors include the following steps to follow if a serious incident occurs:

Every field researcher has the responsibility to not endanger their health or safety.

## Safety Issues for Pr

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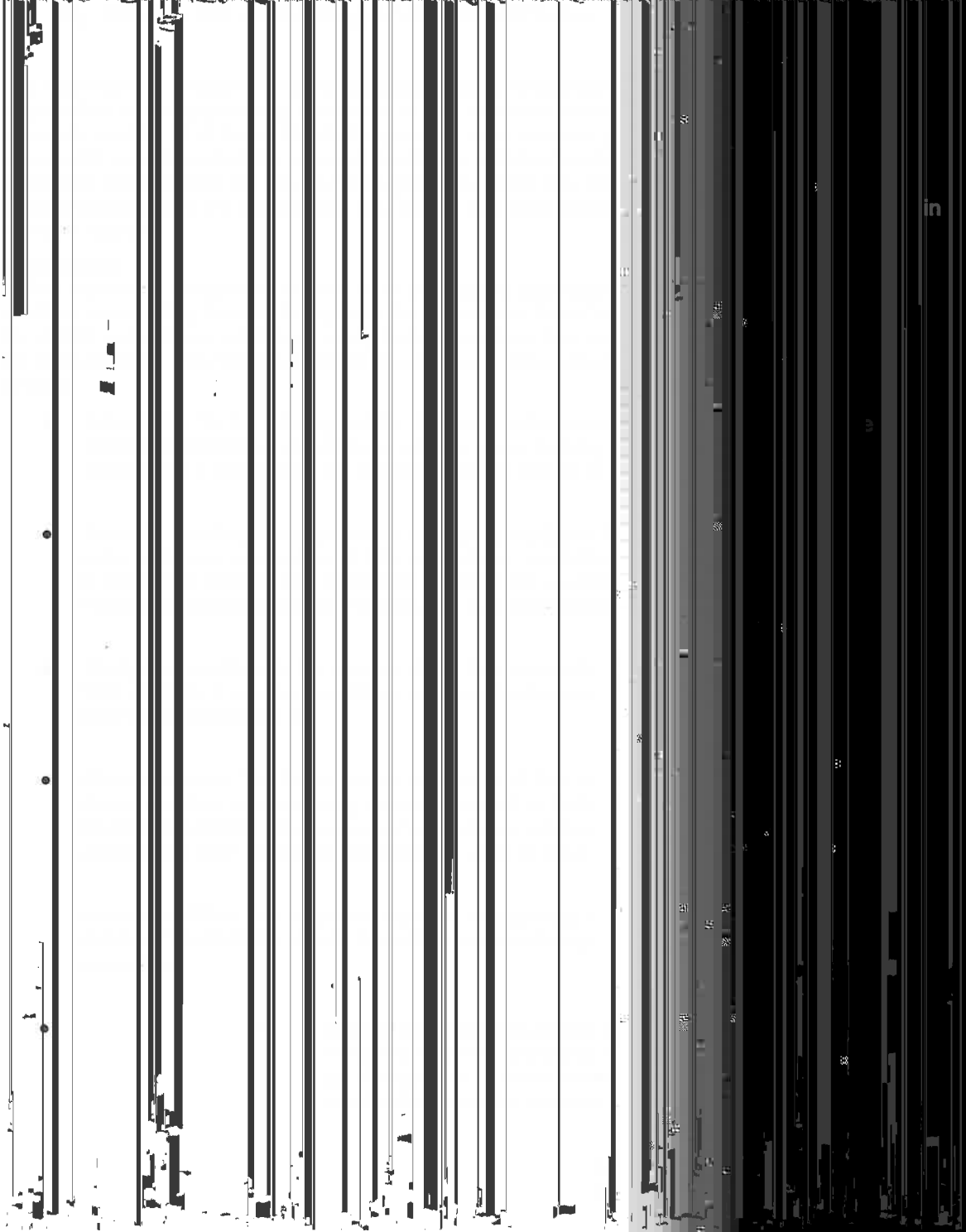
When in the field, the principal investigator (PI) takes on the responsibility of being the supervisor in charge. When in the field, the PI is responsible to ensure that the people for whom the research is conducted are protected by the research safety policy and are

### Oversight

The principal investigator is responsible for

- Aiding the field supervisor in the management of the risk associated with the research
- Approving the competent leadership that is undertaking the research
- Providing a pre-trip plan and a review of the Safety Plan
- Documenting that each participant in a particular project, and each participant in field research, has given informed consent
- Documenting that each participant in field research and that each participant in field research has received immunizations, health insurance, and informed consent from the participants in the field

Ensuring that the appropriate provision of appropriate resources is made as far as is reasonable



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**Table of Hazards  
(WARN OTHERS OF HAZARDS)**

A. *Warning* - Personal address, phone, e-mail, and other information that is not intended to be used for identification purposes. Do not include names of individuals, organizations, or other entities.



