

# Dual-Use Research of Concern

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According to the [National Institutes of Health](#), dual use research of concern (DURC) is "life sciences research that, based on current understanding, can be reasonably anticipated to provide knowledge, information, products, or technologies that could be directly misapplied to pose a significant threat with broad potential consequences to public health and safety, agricultural crops and other plants, animals, the environment, materiel, or national security."

The following documents can provide further clarification on this subject:

- [NIH Office of Science Policy Dual Use Research of Concern](#)
- [UNMC IBC Policy #42: Dual Research of Concern Oversight](#)

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

On May 6, 2024, the US Government released a new *Policy for Oversight of Dual Use Research of Concern and Pathogens with Enhanced Pandemic Potential* ([USG DURC-PEPP Policy](#)). This policy which supersedes previous DURC policies, goes into effect on May 6, 2025. Guidance for implementing this policy can be found in the USG Implementation Guidance ([USG DURC-PEPP Guidance](#)).

Updates to UNMC Policy and procedures are in progress. More information will be posted as it becomes available.

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