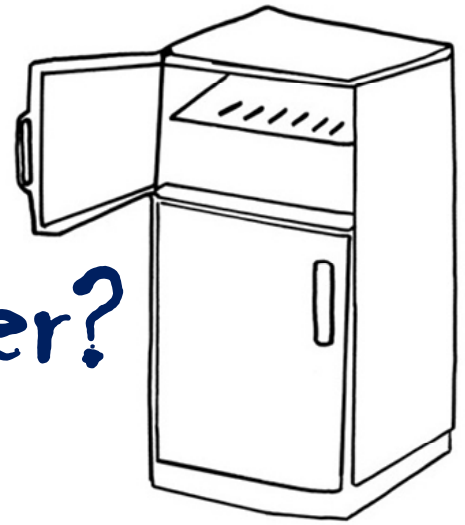
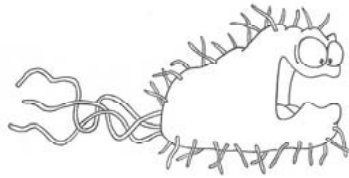
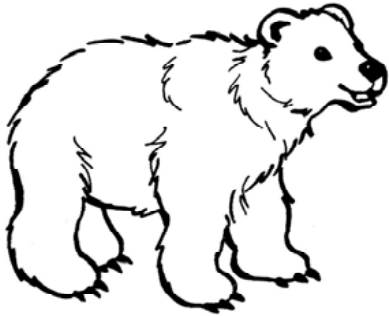


# Do you know what is in your freezer?

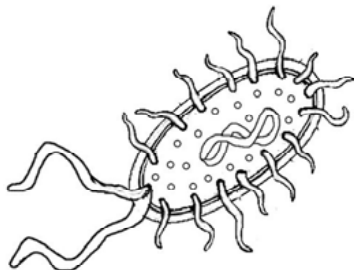


During lab moves and closures, researchers usually discover long-lost biological materials, sometimes from PIs long gone, which can be hazardous to the finder's health. Recently, some toxins were found which were not recorded. UCSD records the storage and use of all biological agents and toxins, so please make sure they are registered with the UCSD Institutional Biosafety Committee.

## Help your freezer be cool!

### Why should you clean out and organize your freezers?

- To know exactly where the samples are (and locate where those missing samples went).
- In case a freezer goes down, know which samples need to get saved first (without needing to freezer dive).
- Allows thawing of the freezer to get rid of the thick layers of frost on the inside.
- The freezer will run more efficiently when not jam packed.
- Compressors run better when filters are clean and dust free.
- Make space for new and exciting research!



If you find that you need help with your BUA or getting rid of your biologicals, please don't hesitate to reach out to EH&S Biosafety.

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Biohazardous materials: <http://blink.ucsd.edu/safety/research-lab/biosafety/#Biohazardous-materials>

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