

# Note: Etiology of Current Bioterrorism Law Competencies

**“Emergency Preparedness Competencies for All Public Health Workers”**  
 – CDC

**“Core legal competencies for Public Health Professionals”**  
 – *Center for Law and the Public’s Health (STeret 9/7/01)*

**“Public Health Law Competencies for Bioterrorism”**  
 – *Center for Law and the Public’s Health (4/3/02)*

Describe public health role in E response

Describe agency chain of command

Identify agency emergency response plan

Describe personal role and responsibilities

Demonstrate correct use of emergency communication

Describe personal communications role

Identify limits of personal knowledge, authority and skills

Apply creative problem solving and flexible thinking

Recognizes incipient emergency

**(I)(B)** Describes the meaning, source of, and scope of states’ powers to protect the public’s health, safety and general welfare and to protect the individual from identifiable harm

**(I)(A)** Describes the basic legal framework for public health; roles of federal, state and local governments; and the relationship between legislatures, executive agencies, and the courts

**(I)(E)** Distinguishes public health agency powers and responsibilities from those of other governmental agencies, executive offices, police, legislatures and courts

**(IV)(A)** Describes how law and legal practices contribute to current health status of the population

**(I)(D)** Identifies and applies basic provisions of the governmental unit’s health code and regulations within the particular area of practice

**1.** Identifies the source and scope of State and Federal powers to protect the public’s health, safety and welfare in the event of bioterrorism

**3.** Describes the basic legal framework for public health participation in the event of a public health emergency caused by bioterrorism and the roles of federal, state and local government health agencies

**2.** Describes how public health law contributes to bioterrorism response

**4.** Identifies and applies basic provisions of the governmental unit’s health code and regulations dealing with bioterrorism and public health emergencies

