

## Awareness and Response to Biological Events

**DHS Course #:** AWR-118-W  
**Training Level:** Awareness

**Hours:** 2.5  
**Format:** Online Training

### Description

This is an awareness-level course designed to address fundamentals associated with emergency response to biological incidents. The course provides a brief overview of the biological threat that now faces the United States; biological agents that are naturally occurring or could be used deliberately; and methods of protection from biological agents (with an emphasis on protection using methods and equipment readily available to emergency responders). Tactics for identifying the presence of a potential biological threat, responding to an incident, and supporting operations at the incident scene are also addressed.

The course also supports the necessity for teamwork (through a review of the Incident Command System, the National Incident Management System, and the National Response Framework) among all responding agencies and actions that all personnel can take to support and facilitate the operations of other responding agencies. In summary, the course will prepare representatives of federal, state, local, and tribal emergency response agencies to perform safely and effectively during an incident involving biological agents.

### Primary Audience

The primary audience for this course is emergency medical services, fire service, hazardous materials personnel, healthcare, law enforcement, and public health.

### Modules Covered

Module 1: Evolution of Biological Events  
Module 2: Biological Agents  
Module 3: National Planning Initiatives  
Module 4: Personal Protection

### Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites for this course.