This course provides a brief overview of biological incidents that have occurred; biological agents that are naturally occurring, could be accidentally released, or could be used deliberately; the typical course of disease and how that may vary in a deliberate incident; an overview of biological agents as terrorist weapons; and methods of protection from biological agents (with an emphasis on protection using methods and equipment readily available to emergency responders and the general public). This course can be considered an introductory course to Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents (PER-220).


The **primary** target audience for the **Direct Delivery** version of this course includes:
- Public health officials
- Emergency responders: police, fire, emergency management, and emergency medical services personnel and planners
- Personnel from governmental agencies who may become involved in a biological incident

The **secondary** target audience for the **Direct Delivery** version of this course includes:
- Public officials
- City leadership
- Transportation workers and managers
- Educators
- School leaders
- Prosecutors
- Sanitation supervisors
- Public works personnel
- Business representatives
- Shopping center officers
- Security guards
- Large companies
- School nurses
- Utilities personnel
- Healthcare professionals
- Individuals in other civic roles

The target audience for the **Train-the-Trainer** version of this course is established trainers/instructors in academies, agencies or departments who are seeking to train participants by teaching the Indirect version of this course using course materials provided by NCBRT.

The Indirect version of this course is commonly delivered as part of in-service or academy training to support continuing education.