

Public Health Law in the Age of Terrorism

Introduction to Public Health Law

INTENDED AUDIENCE

Public health staff who would like to gain a greater understanding of public health law and how it addresses new and emerging threats such as terrorism.

FORMAT

Web-based, Flash presentation. This online module has an audio narration, two interactive scenarios, and a short quiz.

ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE

This module takes approximately one hour to complete.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See <http://www.nwcphp.org/phlaw>

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This Web-based module is the first in a series called Public Health Law in the Age of Terrorism. This module provides a brief introduction to public health law, with a special focus on laws and regulations relating to large-scale emergencies such as bioterrorism or natural disasters. The module covers sources and characteristics of public law, jurisdiction issues, and the role of the military and federal agencies when investigating and responding to terrorism or natural disasters.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

By the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Identify major sources of law relevant to public health
- Determine what types of laws apply to a given public health threat and why
- Discuss jurisdictional issues related to state, federal, tribal, and international laws
- Summarize categories of terrorism
- Identify laws and agencies relevant to acts of terrorism.

COMPETENCIES ADDRESSED

This module addresses the following competency from the Council on Linkages:

Domain	Competency	Level
2. Policy Development / Program Planning Skills	03. Identifies, interprets, and implements public health laws, regulations, and policies related to specific programs	Awareness

About the Course Developer

Patricia Kuszler, MD, JD, is associate dean for Faculty Research and Development in the UW School of Law. Dr. Kuszler holds adjunct professor appointments in both the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health and Community Medicine. She has developed and taught the public health law modules offered through the NWCPHP's Summer Institute Programs in Montana, Washington, and Alaska. Dr. Kuszler teaches two courses in Public Health Law for the School of Public Health and Community Medicine. The role of public health law in addressing the public health threats of terrorism and infectious disease outbreaks is central to much of Dr. Kuszler's public health law courses.