

# EXPOSURE RESPONSE

for biological, chemical, or radiological exposures

## CALL 911 FOR ANY LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY

### 1. PERFORM FIRST AID

**Needlestick, sharps injury, puncture wound, or animal bite/scratch**

Wash exposed area thoroughly for 15 minutes with warm water and sudsing soap.

**Eye exposure**

Use eye wash to flush eyes for 15 minutes while holding eyes open.

**Skin exposure**

Use nearest safety shower for 15 minutes. Stay under the shower and remove clothing. Use a clean lab coat or spare clothing to cover.

**Inhalation**

Move out of contaminated area and get help.

### 2. GET MEDICAL HELP

**For chemical or radiological exposure or emergency:**

Call 911 and follow the instructions given. Provide information about exposure including chemical name, dose, route, time since exposure, and Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

**For biological and all other exposures:**

During business hours (Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.):

- Call the Employee Health Center at **206.685.1026**.
- Harborview sites call **206.744.3081**.

If Employee Health Center is closed:

- Call 911 and follow the instructions given.

Notify your supervisor. Secure the area before leaving.

### 3. REPORT THE INCIDENT

**In the event of hospitalization, fatality, or radiological or recombinant DNA exposure, notify EH&S immediately after first aid and getting help:**

During business hours (Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.):

- Call the EH&S main phone line at **206.543.7262**.

Outside of business hours:

- Call **206.685.UWPD (8973)** to reach EH&S staff on call.

**All incidents and near misses:**

Submit a report via the UW Online Accident Report (OARS) within 24 hours at <https://oars.ehs.washington.edu>