CALL 911 FOR ANY LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY
IF EXPOSED, FOLLOW THE EXPOSURE RESPONSE POSTER

S.W.I.M. FOR ALL SPILLS

S: Stop the spill. Cover with absorbent material.
W: Warn others. Alert people in the immediate area of the spill.
I: Isolate the spill and secure the area. Close doors if possible.
M: Minimize your exposure by wearing PPE and avoiding contact, inhalation or ingestion. Vacate the area if necessary. Wash hands after handling spill materials.

RADIOLOGICAL SPILLS

• Utilize time, distance and shielding to prevent exposure.
• Cover with absorbent material.
• Wear gloves and use tongs/scoop to collect contaminated material as radioactive waste.

• Call UW Radiation Safety at 206-543-0463. If office closed, call 911.
• Notify your supervisor.

CHEMICAL SPILLS

• Only trained personnel who are familiar with the chemical's hazards should clean spills if they have the appropriate clean-up supplies and personal protective equipment (PPE).
• Staff need to be able to protect themselves from skin, eye and respiratory system exposures during a spill clean-up.
• If clean-up involves risk of exposure or injury, EH&S can arrange for a hazardous spill clean-up contractor at the lab's expense.

EH&S chemical spill assistance is available 24/7:
• During business hours (Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.), call 206-543-0467.
• If closed, call 206-685-UWPD (8973) to reach EH&S staff on call.

BIOHAZARDOUS SPILLS

• Cover the spill with paper towels or absorbent material.
• Pour freshly prepared 10% bleach around the spill and allow to flow into spill.
• After 30 minutes of contact time, wipe up and dispose of as biohazard waste.
• Repeat procedure.

If spill contains recombinant nucleic acids, notify EH&S Biosafety as soon as possible at 206-221-7770.

Report all spills within 24 hours via UW OARS: https://oars.ehs.washington.edu