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

• If exposed, use the eye wash or safety shower for 15 minutes.
• Large spills: Pull the fire alarm and evacuate. EH&S can arrange for hazardous spill cleanup at the lab's expense.
• Small spills: Trained personnel familiar with the chemical should use the lab's spill kit.
• Staff must protect themselves from skin, eye and respiratory hazards by using personal protective equipment (PPE) during cleanup.

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.
• After business hours, 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

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