
BIOHAZARD SPILL PROCEDURE

IN THE EVENT OF AN UNCONFINED SPILL:

- ▶ Notify all laboratory personnel immediately.
- ▶ Protect personnel
 - a. Evacuate the area (*if appropriate*).
 - b. Decontaminate personnel, and place contaminated clothing in appropriate biohazard bag for autoclaving or disposal.
 - c. Post appropriate warning signs.
- ▶ Call the lab supervisor, emergency coordinator, and/or Environmental Health and Safety (4672, 1625, or 2044) for additional guidance.
- ▶ Stabilize and decontaminate the spill (*unless there is risk to personal safety*).
 - a. Allow aerosols to settle before reentering spill area (approx. 30 minutes).
 - b. Cover spill with dry paper towel(s), and soak with appropriate disinfectant.
 - c. Add additional disinfectant from outer edge of spill.
 - d. Allow at least 20 minutes for disinfectant to act.
 - e. Contain and appropriately dispose of spill debris.
 - f. Disinfect other contaminated items or bag for autoclaving or disposal.
- ▶ **For spills too large or too hazardous for safe clean-up, or fire, call HELP (4357) for assistance.**

NOTE: When reporting a biohazard incident:

- a. Give the location,
- b. Identify the biological agent that was spilled (*spell it*),
- c. Estimate the quantity spilled,
- d. Note any injuries or fire, and
- e. Give your name and phone number.

Laboratory Emergency Coordinator:

Laboratory Supervisor:

Location of Eye Wash/Safety Shower:

Location of Fire Alarm:

Location of Disinfectant and Spill Control Materials:

