

Cal Maritime HSEEP Spill Response: 911

Poison Control: 800-876-4766

Precautions

Laboratory personnel should only clean up incidental spills; all other spills should be cleaned up by specially trained personnel.

An incidental chemical spill is one that the laboratory staff can clean up without putting themselves or others in danger.

Pre-planning is required to respond safely to any chemical spill. Spill kits with absorbents and protective equipments should be available to clean up incidental spills. Lab personnel should know the location of the kits and how to use them. **Contact Facilities at x1120.**

Incidental Chemical Spill

Alert personnel in the immediate area. Avoid breathing vapors and try to determine what has spilled.

If someone has been splashed with chemicals, immediately flush the affected area with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

CALL Poison Control (800-876-4766) for advice, and then seek medical attention as required.

Wear protective equipment including safety goggles, appropriate gloves, shoe covers and a long-sleeve lab coat.

Confine the spill to a small area.

Use the Chemical Spill Kit to absorb spilled materials. Place the saturated absorbent in a plastic bag, label the bag with a waste tag, and call Facilities (x1120) for immediate pick up.

Major Chemical Spill

Immediately evacuate the area, closing all doors.

Avoid breathing vapors. Quickly identify the spilled material if it can be done safely.

If the spill involves a flammable liquid, turn off all ignition sources if it can be done safely.

If someone has been splashed with chemicals, immediately flush the affected area with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes.

CALL Poison Control (800-876-4766) for advice, and then seek medical attention as required.

CALL 911 then contact Public Safety for assistance at **x1111**.

Keep all personnel away from the spill area until help arrives.

Chemical Spill