

Hazardous Material Spills / Release Procedures

EMERGENCY....DIAL 5234 OR 9-1-1 (FROM CAMPUS PHONES) OR (949) 451-5234

Non-Emergency: Call 5200 (from campus phones) or (949) 451-5200

In the event of a hazardous material spill or release, immediately call Campus Police. Give your name and location, and then describe the nature and severity of the hazardous material spill or release.

CHEMICAL AND SOLVENT SPILLS	RADIOACTIVE LEAK / SPILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If spill involves personal injury, remove clothing; flush with warm tap water for 15 minutes; call 9-1-1. • If immediate hazard exists or medical assistance is required, call 9-1-1. • For small spills / those not involving immediate danger to life or property: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confine the spill. ○ Evacuate and secure the immediate area; limit access to authorized personnel. ○ Notify area supervisor. <p>Any spill that could <i>POTENTIALLY</i> cause injury to a person or property must be reported to Campus Police.</p>	<p><i>In the event of a radioactive spill / leak:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit the spread of the spill • Notify others in the area that a spill has occurred. There is no need to evacuate the area. • Call the Radiation Safety Officer and Campus Police. • If advised by the Radiation Safety Officer to clean the spill, put on disposable gloves and a lab coat and clean from the spill perimeter into the center. <p><i>If skin contamination has occurred:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the nearest sink and wash the affected area with tepid water. • Call the Campus Police.
TOXIC FUMES RELEASE	BIOLOGICAL RELEASE / SPILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you smell gas or other toxic fumes or experience irritation, coughing, burning eyes, and/or difficulty breathing, evacuate the area immediately. • If you smell gas in a dark room, do not turn on lights; this action could ignite gas. Do not touch, activate, or de-activate any power switches, fire alarms, lights, etc. • Evacuate immediately and notify Campus Police. <p>Do not re-enter the area until advised to do so by emergency personnel.</p>	<p><i>In the event of a biological release / spill</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decontaminate the spill with appropriate disinfectant and personal protection. • For a large spill or release of highly infectious materials, notify everyone in the area, secure the area, then call Campus Police. <p><i>If a bloodborne pathogen exposure or needlestick injury has occurred</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to the nearest sink and wash affected area with warm water and soap. • Call Campus Police for immediately medical attention.