

Emergency Preparedness & Response Guidelines

CHEMICAL SPILLS / HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

IF YOU WITNESS A SPILL

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Warn others and call 9-1-1* ✓ Keep people away - Stay uphill, upwind and upstream at least 500 feet ✓ Cover your nose and mouth with an N95 mask or layers of cloth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Isolate the spill/limit spread if you can do it safely. Close doors if applicable. ✓ Note any suspicious activity that would indicate an intentional release ✓ Evacuate if necessary |
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DO NOT LEAVE THE SCENE UNTIL YOU CONFIRM YOU ARE NOT CONTAMINATED

*Information to provide to the 9-1-1 dispatcher

- Exact location of the spill
- Identify the material by:
 - Name
 - Description (color, solid, liquid)
 - Odor
 - Types of injuries it caused
- Quantity spilled, if known
- MSDS information if available - Send MSDS (Materials Safety Data Sheets to the hospital with the ambulance)

SIGNS OF CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL EXPOSURE

- Sudden onset of symptoms:
- Blistered skin
 - Breathing difficulties
 - Burning eyes, throat, skin
 - Coughing
 - **Many people with similar symptoms**
 - Nausea, Vomiting
- Note: Some exposures have delayed symptoms

DID PEOPLE COME IN CONTACT WITH THE MATERIAL?

- Encourage them to rinse the contaminated areas with water for 15 minutes
- Rinse eyes immediately pouring water from inner to outer corner of eye
- Remove contaminated clothing (avoid pulling off clothes over the head because of possible chemical exposure to eyes, nose and mouth) and put in a bag

RADIATION

- Limit the time you are exposed
 - Wash with soap and water to remove radiation from your skin
 - Stay as far away from the radiation as possible
 - Keep walls or other barriers between you and the source
 - For radiation explosion, drop, cover and hold on below ground level, if possible with as much shielding as possible
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