

In Case of a Hazardous Spill

Many things can go wrong during a spill. If you stay calm, use common sense, report the answers to the questions located below, and take the necessary defensive procedures, we can reduce the effects of hazardous material spills.

Immediate Procedures:	Contact the Appropriate Person:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Leave the area immediately if spill is not readily controlled or if potentially dangerous.<input type="checkbox"/> Notify others in surrounding areas.<input type="checkbox"/> Isolate spill by closing doors or barricading.<input type="checkbox"/> Place appropriate absorbent material around spill to prevent spread.<input type="checkbox"/> Do not attempt to dilute or treat chemically unless advised to do so by OH&S.<input type="checkbox"/> If someone is injured, notify UAB Emergency Room at 934-5105 as soon as possible.<input type="checkbox"/> Stay close to scene until you see UAB Response Personnel.	<p>Biological Spills-Hospital Areas, call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The floor nurse OR2. Environmental Services 934-4288 OR3. Hospital Safety 934-1246 <p>Biological Spills-Campus Areas, call:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The responsible investigator OR2. Biosafety 934-2487 <p>Chemical Spills-All Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Call Chemical Safety at 934-2487 OR Call the Hazardous Materials Facility 934-3797.2. After hours, weekends, and holidays Call the Director-On-Call at 288-6742 or page 8744 <p>Radiological Spills-All Areas</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Call Chemical Safety at 934-2487 OR Call the Hazardous Materials Facility 934-3797.2. After hours, weekends, and holidays Call the Director-On-Call at 288-6742 or page 8744

Questions to be Answered:

Your name?	
Your phone number?	
Your location?	
Where is spill located?	
What is the name or specific nature of the spill? (Toluene, 32P aqueous buffer, etc.)	
If radioactive, how much activity in millicuries?	
Estimated volume?	
Time occurred?	
Anyone hurt or contaminated?	
Has area been evacuated?	
Can you isolate the spill area?	