HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILL CONTROL

Each lab is expected to be prepared to clean up spills that are likely to occur in their areas. The tips below can help with small or large spills.

When a Spill Occurs
- Alert others in area - evacuate if needed
- Attend to any injuries and personnel contamination
- Confine spill to prevent spreading
- Limit access to prevent unnecessary exposure

If the Spill is Small
- If you are prepared, clean it up using good work practices and the proper personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Bag and tag the spill clean-up for pick-up as hazardous waste

If the Spill is Large
- If spill is large or if you are uncomfortable cleaning it up, call 9-1-1 anytime, or call EH&S x25528 during normal business hours
- Have someone knowledgeable about the situation give information to campus Emergency Response Team

Spill Supplies
- Organic liquids: turn off ignition sources if liquid is flammable and absorb liquid with spill pads, spill pillows or kitty litter
- Corrosive liquids: if it’s an acid, use a weak base (sodium bicarbonate - baking soda); if it’s a base (caustic), use a weak acid (citric acid)

Spill Clean-Up Methods
- Wear the appropriate PPE
- Always use absorbent materials to define the perimeter of the spill
- Work around the edge absorbing (and/or neutralizing) toward the center of the spill

Disposal
- Place absorbent into a double plastic bag and attach hazardous waste label (with information about spill and clean-up materials) on the bag
- Place the bag on a secondary container and submit a waste pick up request (http://otp.ucop.edu/)

Visit www.ehs.ucr.edu for additional information or call EH&S at 827-5528 if you have any questions.