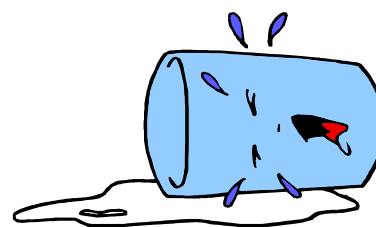


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Hazardous Material Spill Control

In the event of a chemical spill, the laboratory responsible for prompt and proper clean-up. Spill kits and personal protective equipment appropriate for the chemicals based on the chemicals being used should be readily available in the laboratory.



When a Spill Occurs

- Immediately alert area occupants and supervisor, and evacuate the area, if necessary.
- If there is a fire or medical attention is needed, contact UCPD at 951-827-5222.
- Attend to any people who may be contaminated. Contaminated clothing must be removed immediately and the skin flushed with water for no less than fifteen minutes. Clothing must be laundered before reuse.
- If a volatile, flammable material is spilled, immediately warn everyone, control sources of ignition and ventilate the area.

If the Spill is Small

- Clean the spill using good work practices and the proper spill kit and personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Bag and tag the spill clean-up for pick-up as hazardous waste

If the Spill is Large

- If the spill is large, call EH&S x25528 during normal business hours or UCRPD at 951-827-5222 after business hours, holidays and weekends.
- Have someone knowledgeable about the situation give information to the individual taking the call.

Spill Supplies

- Acids: weak base (sodium bicarbonate - baking soda);
- Bases(caustic): weak acid -citric acid);
- Organic liquid: (spill pads, pillows, or kitty litter)

Disposal

- Place absorbent into a double plastic bag and submit a waste pickup request through WASTE.