



Chemical Spills

Employees must know how to respond to chemical spills, regardless of whether they work with chemicals or not.

In most cases, chemical spills will be minor, and employees will clean them up without help. However, if an employee has not been trained, does not have appropriate supplies, or if an injury or illness has occurred, you must request spill response assistance.

Marquam Hill Campus

For chemical spill response, immediately **Call 4-4444**. Public Safety dispatch will require:

- Your name and contact information
- Location of the spill (building, room, area)
- What happened
- Chemical involved
- Quantity spilled
- Injury or illness to people or animals

Evacuation (local or area-wide) is suggested if:

- the spill is large.
- spill is spreading beyond a small area.
- release of a compressed gas.
- a large quantity of flammable liquid spilled.
- spill of an extremely toxic substance irregardless of volume.
- injury or illness has occurred (any report of symptoms).

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In the situation is urgent, call 9-911, then 503 690-7777 to activate the Emergency Response Team. Most spills will be of low hazard, however do not attempt to clean up a spill if you are not trained, lack adequate clean-up materials, or if evacuation is indicated.

Emergency Wash Stations are available where corrosive or highly toxic chemicals are used. If inhalation, skin, or eye exposure occurs, notify your supervisor and obtain medical assistance.

Reporting Requirements following Injury or Illness

The exposed employee or the supervisor must file an Incident Report form. These are found in departments, on the O-Zone, or they may be obtained through Risk Management (503 494-7189).

This information is a service of the OHSU Safety Committee (503 494-7795).
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