Biological Exposure and Spill Response

General Procedures

In the event of an exposure to biohazardous materials, such as human or animal body fluids, other potentially infectious or pathogenic materials, we recommend responding in the following simple, yet effective manner:

1. If the injury is severe, call 911 or go immediately to the UW Hospital Emergency Room
2. For minor injuries or wounds, immediately tend the exposure or wound site using basic first aid:
   a. Splash to the eyes: Flush thoroughly using a plumbed eyewash for 15 minutes
   b. Cuts, needle-sticks, scratches, bites or other skin abrasions: Wash and scrub for 15 minutes with soap and running water
   c. After flushing or washing, cover the area with sterile gauze to protect the opening from other hazardous materials
3. Inform the PI/supervisor as soon as possible of the incident
4. Seek Medical Evaluation and Medical Attention:
   a. Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM go to University Health Services (UHS) at 333 East Campus Mall
   b. After hours, weekends and emergencies go to the UW Hospital Emergency Room
5. Submit a First Report of Exposure or Release form within 24 hours of the incident; located at www.biosafety.wisc.edu. Click the highlighted button to access the form