

## Hazardous Material Spill or Release

### Emergency Spills or Releases

If you cause or witness a hazardous material spill that endangers people or may lead to a fire, follow these emergency procedures:

- **Activate the fire alarm system.** Pull the nearest fire alarm to evacuate the building.
- **Call 911** as soon as you are safe. **Report any details** you know about the spill:
  - **Location**
  - **Material and physical state** (e.g., liquid, powder)
  - **Quantity spilled**
  - **Any known hazardous characteristics**
- **Provide information** such as the Safety Data Sheet (**SDS**) or a **chemical inventory** to the fire department once they arrive. The fire department will stabilize the spill but might not clean it up.
- **Contact the EH&S Spill Line** at 206-543-0467 for assistance in contacting a spill cleanup contractor who will clean up and safely package the chemical waste.

### Injuries from Spills and Releases

- **For a chemical spilled on you or in your eyes, use the eye wash or safety shower for a minimum of 15 minutes.** Remove contaminated clothing while under the safety shower, to avoid spreading contamination.
- **Let emergency responders know about any injuries** when they arrive.
- After the incident, **schedule an exposure assessment** through the **Employee Health Clinic** (206-685-1026) in Hall Health Center or your personal healthcare physician.
- **Submit an accident report** to the online accident reporting system (**OARS**) at [www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsoars/index.shtm](http://www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsoars/index.shtm).

### Non-emergency Spills and Spill Advice

**If the spill is contained and not endangering anyone** it may be possible to clean it up yourself. **Call the EH&S spill line at 206-543-0467 for advice** during normal business hours, or the UW Police Department non-emergency phone number 206-685-UWPD after normal business hours.