

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY INFORMATION

FIRES: In the event of a fire, leave the area immediately and call 911. Pull a fire alarm on your way out of the area. Fire extinguisher use is not required or expected by any employee. However, if a fire extinguisher is available and if you have been trained on how to use one, they can be used on a small fire in its incipient stage.

CHEMICAL SPLASHES: If chemicals get splashed into your eyes or on your body, immediately rinse and/or flush the affected area with water using the emergency eyewash or emergency shower as applicable. Continue to flush the affected area for 15 minutes while someone else calls 911 and retrieves the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the material involved.

INGESTION OF CHEMICALS: If chemicals are accidentally ingested, call 911 immediately and stay in communication with the operator. Be able to identify the materials which were ingested. Retrieve the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for the material involved.

CHEMICAL SPILLS AND RELEASES

LARGE SPILLS AND / OR HIGH HAZARD SPILLS: For large spills or spills of highly hazardous materials, leave the area immediately and call 911. Pull a fire alarm on your way out if evacuation of the building is necessary to prevent injury to others.*

NOTE: The EHS department is not a hazmat spill cleanup team, but does have a contract in place with a vendor who will respond to hazmat spills on campus. The EHS department will coordinate with this contractor as necessary.

SMALL SPILLS AND/OR LOW HAZARD SPILLS: Only attempt to clean up spills for which you have the appropriate equipment, training, and level of comfort. For advice and/or help with non-emergency spills, call Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) at 898-5126. Hazardous wastes resulting from spills or spill cleanup activities need to be packaged in sealed containers and labeled promptly with hazardous waste labels.

COMPRESSED GAS CYLINDERS: Gas cylinders all pose a hazard of sudden release of pressure. Following such a release, the cylinders can be cold enough to freeze skin. More importantly, depending on their contents, fire or toxic inhalation hazards can exist. Leave the area immediately and call 911. Pull a fire alarm on your way out if evacuation of the building is necessary to prevent injury to others.*

PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies ----- 911
University Police ----- 898-5555
Poison Control Center ----- 1(800)222-1222
Environmental Health and Safety ----- 898-5126

* Minimum evacuation distance is at least 100 feet from the affected building.