

Exposure and Injury Responses

HELP

Get Help

For emergencies, seek assistance from a nearby coworker!



First Aid and Decontamination

Remove ALL contaminated clothing, jewelry, shoes

- **Chemical Exposure:** Flush with eyewash or safety shower for 15 minutes
- **Inhalation or Ingestion:** Seek medical assistance immediately
- **Biological or Radiological:**
 - **Skin Exposure:** Wash with soap and water for 5 minutes
 - **Eye Exposure:** Flush with eyewash for 15 minutes

"I work for Weill Cornell Medicine. I need onsite emergency medical assistance at a Weill Cornell Medicine laboratory."



Seek Medical Assistance

- If you are seriously injured, incapacitated, or need onsite medical assistance, call **NYP EMS (212-472-2222)** and say:
 - Provide lab location, hazardous material involved, and extent of exposure/injury
- Or, go directly to the NYP Emergency Room at 525 East 68th Street

For minor injury or exposures, go to one of the following as soon as possible:

- **Workforce Health & Safety (212-746-4370)**, 1315 York Ave, Payson House Basement Level
- **Weill Cornell Student Health Services (646-962-6942)**, 230 East 69th Street
- During off hours, go to the **NYP Emergency Room**, 525 East 68th Street
- Bring the material *Safety Data Sheet* for all contaminating agents when obtaining medical assistance for a chemical exposure



Report

- Notify your supervisor and contact **EHS (646-962-7233)**

Spill Clean-up and Response

If the spill DOES NOT involve an injury or a fire /health hazard:



Alert/Evacuate

Immediately alert area occupants and evacuate the area. Close all doors leading to affected area and do not re-enter. Restrict access to area.



Report

Notify supervisor and EHS of the spill and be prepared to provide information on any exposure or injury, spill location, name of the material, and amount spilled.

Small Quantity (<1 gallon) spills can be cleaned up by lab staff, if you understand the hazards, have appropriate personal protective equipment, and are trained in spill clean-up procedures.

