



Accidents Involving Biohazardous and/or Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acids Materials

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

The following procedures serve as a general outline for responding to the particular type of incident. More specific and detailed procedures may need to be developed by a Principal Investigator depending on the type of material being worked with.



PERSONAL CONTAMINATION

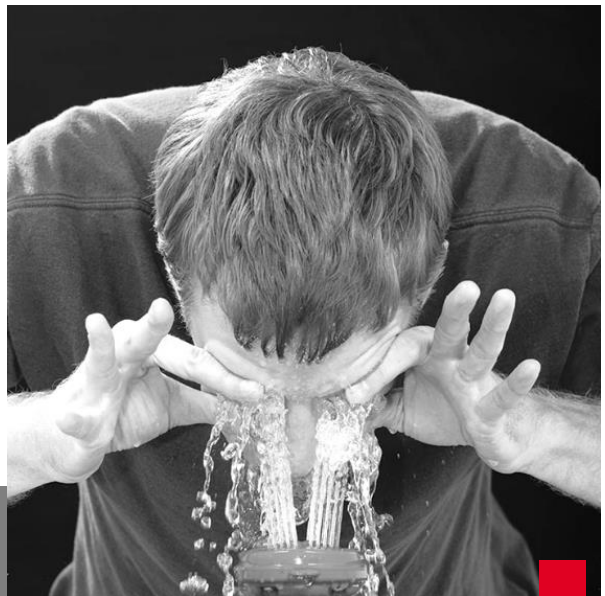
In case of exposure to infectious or potentially infectious materials (e.g. human blood), individuals must act fast to prevent possible serious health problems.

Skin Exposure (intact skin): Thoroughly wash affected area with soap and water for 5 minutes.

Percutaneous Exposure (e.g. needle stick, puncture wound, scratch or animal bite): Vigorously scrub invasive injuries with an antiseptic soap (e.g. Chlorhexidine 4% soap solution - Hibiclens™) for 5 minutes, followed by thorough washing with soap and water.

Ocular (and other mucosal areas) **Exposure:** Irrigate contaminated mucous membranes with water from the eye wash for 8 minutes.

Call the **UHS 584-4457** (Medical Campus) or **556-2564** (Main Campus) for **medical evaluation** and **follow up**.



In a medical emergency always call **911, 556-1111** or **558-1111** first !