



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

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE

The following procedures serve as a general outline for responding to different type of incidents. 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.

For medical assistance, call the Injury Hotline **585-8000** (if UC employee) or **556-2564** (if UC student).



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