

# Chemical Spills

## Major Hazardous Material Spill Procedure

1. Evacuate the immediate area, and alert others to do the same. If an injury has occurred, call 911. If you have bodily contact with the spilled material, remove any contaminated clothing immediately and flush affected areas of the body with water for a minimum of 15 minutes.
2. Once the area has been evacuated, call Campus Security at 2911 from a campus phone or (360) 442-2911 from any other phone for further action steps. Provide: building, floor, room number, type of incident, name and approximate amount of chemical substance.
3. Notify your immediate supervisor and complete an Accident Report available on the "[Make A Report \(lowercolumbia.edu/students/make-a-report\)](http://lowercolumbia.edu/students/make-a-report)" webpage.
4. Do not return to building until instructed to do so by authorized personnel.

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## Minor Hazardous Material Spill Procedure

Call Security from a college phone or (360) 442-2911 from any other phone for help with assessing the spill and cleaning it up.

1. Use appropriate personal protective equipment.
2. Contain the spill.
3. Clean up the spill using clean-up materials specified for the chemical(s) spilled.
4. Dispose of contaminated spill material using the college's hazardous waste management procedures (contact the Environmental Health & Safety Manager at 2273 from a campus phone or (360) 442-2273 from any other phone for further information).

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## Hazardous Materials Inventory and Safety Data Sheets (SDS's)

Know the location of SDS binder(s) in your work area. If you need help locating the binder, ask your supervisor. Before handling any potentially hazardous material, read and understand the SDS and product label, and follow special handling instructions to prevent chemical exposure and accidents. For more information on hazardous materials handling contact the Environmental Health & Safety Manager at 2273 from a campus phone or (360) 442-2273 from any other phone.