

Hazardous Material Spill or Release

Immediately report incidents that involve chemical spills, leakage and/or emission of gasses, radioactive materials, or other dangerous substances to the University Police Department by calling 911 or (970) 351-2245.

The following information shall be used as a guide during a hazardous material release.

- 1) When reporting the incident to University Police, be specific about the nature of the involved materials, location, and if medical personnel are needed.
- 2) If the spill poses immediate danger, evacuate the affected area immediately. If it is safe to do so, close off the affected area to prevent further contamination.
 - If the spill does not pose immediate danger, isolate the spill area; evacuate the scene until emergency personnel arrive.
- 3) Anyone who may be contaminated by the spill should avoid contact with others as much as possible; remain in the vicinity (at a safe distance). Required first aid and cleanup shall be provided as soon as possible.
- 4) If necessary or if directed to do so by emergency personnel, activate the building fire alarm.
- 5) The Police officer will immediately notify the following:
 - Local Fire Department
 - Hazardous Materials Response Team
 - Environmental Health & Safety
- 6) Water or chemical fire retardants should NOT be used in certain circumstances (these could result in poisonous fumes).

Biological / Infectious (Blood) Spill or Release

Immediately report incidents that involve Biological or Infectious spills to the University Police Department by calling 911 or (970) 351-2245.

If the spill poses immediate danger, evacuate the affected area immediately. If it is safe to do so, close off the affected area to prevent further contamination.

- If the spill does not pose immediate danger, isolate the spill area; evacuate the scene until emergency personnel arrive.

University Police will evaluate the area to determine the proper response and personnel that are needed for the cleanup.

Environmental Health & Safety or Custodial personnel who are trained in spill cleanup will follow established protocols which are found in the Universities Biological Safety Manual <hyperlink 'Biological Safety Manual' to

<http://www.unco.edu/facility/EHS/Procedures/Environmental/Biological%20Safety%20Manual%20%204-2012.pdf>>.