

Hazardous Materials:

Chemical, Radioactive, Biological

All hazardous materials spills must be reported to Cornell Police immediately. Call 911 (or 255-1111 from a cell phone) or use an emergency telephone to notify Cornell Police. Be prepared to spell chemical names and give the location, size and nature of the incident.

A Hazardous Material Emergency exists when:

- clean-up of a spill of a hazardous material is beyond the level of knowledge, training or ability of the staff in the immediate spill area, or
- the spill creates a situation that is immediately dangerous to the lives and health of persons in the spill area or facility.

In case of a hazardous material emergency:

- Alert people in the immediate area and evacuate the room. If an explosion hazard is present, take care not to create sparks by turning electrical equipment on or off.
- Confine the hazard by closing doors as you leave the room.
- Use eyewash or safety showers as needed to wash off spilled chemicals. Flush the affected area with copious amounts of water for at least 15 minutes. Call 911(or 255-1111 from a cell phone) to report any personal contamination. Seek medical attention as required.
- Evacuate nearby rooms that may be affected. If the hazard will affect the entire building, evacuate the entire building.
- Outside, identify yourself to emergency responders and report the location, nature and size of the incident. Provide any additional information you believe would be helpful. Personnel most knowledgeable about the spilled material and the location of the spill should be available to provide information to emergency responders.
- Isolate contaminated persons and do not allow them to leave or spread contamination. Avoid contamination or chemical exposure to yourself.