BIOHAZARDOUS SPILL CLEANUP PROCEDURES

Spill Involving a Biohazardous Material Requiring BSL1 Containment

1. Wear gloves.
2. Remove contaminated sharps from spill using forceps or tongs.
3. Cover the spill with paper towels or other absorbent material.
4. Carefully pour bleach (1:10 dilution) around the edges of the spill and work from the edges to the center.
5. Place towels in a biohazard bag for disposal.
6. Clean spill area with fresh towels soaked in disinfectant.
7. Wash hands and any potentially contaminated skin before exiting the laboratory.
8. Alert your supervisor and Biosafety Officer (Kirk Lubick, ext. 6998).

- If spill is inside a BSC – Keep BSC running for at least 15 minutes after the cleanup. Clean spill tray below work area and trough below air intake grill while BSC is running.

Spill Involving a Biohazardous Material Requiring BSL2 Containment

1. Alert people in immediate are of spill.
2. Put on protective equipment (gloves, eye protection, and lab coat).
3. Remove contaminated sharps from the spill using forceps or tongs.
4. Cover the spill with paper towels or other absorbent material.
5. Carefully pour bleach (1:10 dilution) around the edges of the spill and work from the edges to the center.
6. Allow 20 minute contact period.
7. Discard paper towels or absorbent material into biohazard bag.
8. Clean fresh towels soaked in disinfectant.
9. Wash hands and any potentially contaminated skin before exiting the laboratory.
10. Notify your supervisor and Biosafety Officer (Kirk Lubick, ext. 6998).

- If spill is inside BSC- Keep BSC running for at least 15 minutes after the cleanup. Clean spill tray below work area and trough below air intake grill while BSC is running.