

CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT

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Accident Reporting

When an accident happens, no matter how minor, please follow these steps:

1. Seek medical attention immediately. If needed, dial 911 to get emergency services to your location.
2. If the injury results in an immediate medical emergency, medical assistance may be obtained from the nearest hospital or, if less severe, personal physician. [Scan the QR code below to find out where you should go for medical treatment]
3. Report ALL injuries to your supervisor/advisor as soon as possible.
4. File a Near Miss Report or First Report of Injury with EHS and the Departmental Safety Officer.
5. Follow up with your supervisor/advisor to investigate the accident.

Forms can be downloaded from the EHS website under the heading “General Health & Safety.”

Following these steps will ensure we can all learn from mistakes which will aid us in preventing future incidents.



Where to go for treatment?

Near Miss Reporting

Recently, a researcher reported a near miss incident when they received a chemical burn after touching a contaminated door handle in a hallway. The incident was thought to have occurred after someone opened the door while using a contaminated gloved hand. Remember to **ALWAYS** have a non-gloved hand available in the hallway and to **NEVER** touch a common surface (door handles, elevator buttons, etc.) with a gloved hand.

Filing this near miss report has helped us spread the word to you and remind everyone of proper safety techniques. Near miss reports can be filed on the EHS website.

When is it Okay to use these Phones?

Any time there is an Emergency! Both of these devices (plus others on campus) will connect you to the University Police Department call center. You can use these when there is a chemical spill/exposure or other emergency.



From a cell phone call
UDPD : 302-831-2222

