# Think Safety First!

## **CHEMICAL SAFETY MOMENT**

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## **Chemical Spill Clean Up**

You have read the SDS. Are you ready to clean up the spill? Below are four steps that you should use for every cleanup. Chemical spills do happen, be prepared with a spill kit, and knowledge about what you can and cannot clean up. Remember, if you are ever in doubt, DO NOT clean it up. **Call EHS for assistance (831-8475).** 

#### Absorbent Pad Cleanup



Spills that Should not be Handled By Laboratory Personnel:

- Strong Acids
- Strong Bases
- Poison by Inhalation
- Reactive materials
- Mercury
- Acutely Toxic Materials
- Unknown materials

#### Absorbent Powder Cleanup

## **Spill Kit Contents**

Check your EHS spill kit for the contents below. If anything is missing, or damaged, contact EHS for a FREE replacement.

- 5 gallon pail with lid
  - Universal chemical absorbent pads (qty 10)
- Universal chemical absorbent powder (32 oz.)
- 1 qt. plastic scoop
- 4mm polyethylene plastic bags (qty 10)
- Nitrile/silver shield combination gloves (2 pair)
- Splash goggles
- Chemical waste labels
- Laboratory chemical spill clean-up procedures



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