

DS Fact Sheet on High-Level Hazard/Low-level Hazard Spills in the Lab

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Is the Spill a High-Level Hazard or Low-level Hazard? Answer the questions below.

CALL 911 (919-541-2800 from a cell phone) FOR SPILLS INVOLVING:

1. Unknown chemical
2. Particularly Hazardous Substances (PHS) (carcinogen, reproductive toxins, and acute toxins)
3. You answer "NO" to any of the below questions.

DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CLEAN UP!

- Follow the appropriate emergency procedures for individuals who have been exposed.
- Evacuate and cordon off the area, closing doors and windows as you evacuate.
- Prevent others from entering the area.

