



## Hazardous Material Event

A release of hazardous materials could involve chemical, biological, or radioactive materials. The ability to respond to a hazardous materials release will depend on many factors, including the amount of material spilled or involved in an incident, the physical, biological and chemical characteristics of the material, the material's health and hazard characteristics, the location of the spill, the level of response training obtained, and the types of personal protective and spill response equipment available.

### Before an Incident Occurs

Review the Hazardous Materials Checklist and be familiar with emergency numbers.

### If a Hazardous Material Event Occurs

Alert people in the immediate area of the spill, evacuate the area, and call 911.

If an explosion hazard is present, take care not to create sparks by turning on or off electrical equipment. Activate the electrical shutoff if a laboratory is equipped with one.

Confine the hazard by closing doors and windows.