

IX. Chemical Waste Spill Procedures

Should a chemical waste spill occur, the following information will help the user or responsible person with proper cleanup activities:

It is the responsibility of each individual using a hazardous material to become familiar with the emergency response procedures which govern his or her facility. The Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the chemical is a good source for specific information. Additional detailed information on chemical spill procedures can be found in the appropriate safety manuals (Laboratory Safety, Biological Safety, & Radiation Safety) found on the EHSRM website at <http://www.sfasu.edu/safety/>.

The following general rules should be followed in the event of a hazardous chemical spill:

- A. The user responsible (or supervisor) should clean up a spill that hasn't been released to the environment, small enough to be safely cleaned up, and does not require specialized equipment. (i.e., spills that do not pose a hazard beyond that which the users typically deal with should be cleaned by the user group). A spill that cannot be safely cleaned up by the user department shall be reported to the EHSRM Department at 468-6034 during normal business hours of 8-5 M-F. For all emergencies or spills outside of normal business hours, contact the University Police Department (UPD) at 468-2608.

All hazardous chemical spills released into the environment (i.e. soil, water, air, sanitary sewer, or storm drain) should be reported to and evaluated by the EHSRM Department (468-6034) who will assist with the appropriate clean up response and reporting as needed.