

Hazardous Materials – HAZMAT

HAZMAT incidents may be:

- Indoor and outdoor fuel spills;
- Solvent or other chemical spills in shops;
- Chemical or biological spills in buildings and laboratories;
- Chemical odors in buildings;
- Natural gas smells and leaks; or
- Fires in laboratory or other facility involving highly toxic chemicals, infectious sub-stances or radioactive materials.

If you witness a hazardous material spill

- Evacuate the spill site and warn others to stay away.
- Call university officials at EXT 34754.

If you are the HAZMAT user:

- Leave the area of the spill first and go to a safe location nearby.
- Consult your supervisor as necessary.
- Isolate the spill area to keep everyone away and post signs as necessary.

Individuals recognizing HAZMAT spills that require additional notifications and resources will:

- Alert all individuals who might be harmed to evacuate the immediate area and to go to a location that will not impede emergency officials.
- If safe and appropriate to do so, limit the spread of the material by applying absorbent and shutting doors.
- Notify the Police from a safe distance from the hazard to report:
 - The nature of the incident, and name of the HAZMAT, if known.
 - The exact location and details of the spill.
 - Whether or not there are any injuries.
 - What symptoms are being exhibited by exposed individuals?