

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

What are hazardous materials?

Hazardous materials are chemicals, products, and agents that can cause harm to humans or the environment when handled improperly.

What should I do if there is a small spill in the area and personnel trained in Hazardous Material clean up and an appropriate spill kit is available?

- EVACUATE the immediate area, or the entire building if necessary. (To evacuate the building pull the fire alarm.)
- KEEP others out of the area.
- ASSIST others to safety.
- ADVISE Building Safety Personnel of events and conditions.
- CONTAIN AND LABEL waste from the spill for disposal by EH&S. (To be performed by personnel trained in clean up, using appropriate spill kit.)
- CALL EH&S at 7-3129 for pick-up.

What should I do if there is a large spill in the area, or there is a small spill where personnel trained in Hazardous Material clean up or an appropriate spill kit is not available?

Call 561-297-3500 for **all** spills or exposures **including after hours and on weekends/holidays.**

Call 911 for all spills or exposures, which result in **injuries that require urgent medical attention**, *i.e.* rescue personnel needs to be dispatched to the scene.

Call 7-3129 for all spills or exposures **without injuries or with injuries that do not require urgent medical attention** and **during hours of normal operation.**

- EVACUATE the immediate area, or the entire building if necessary or
- SHELTER IN PLACE, if hazard is not inside the building or it is difficult to evacuate.
- KEEP others out of the area.
- ASSIST others to safety.
- NOTIFY Building Safety Personnel of events and conditions.

SEE EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND SHELTER IN PLACE PROCEDURE SECTIONS.

What information do I need to have readily available when reporting a spill?

- Your name and incident location.
- Details of the incident including:
 - Type of incident, liquid spill, gas leak, biohazardous material, etc.
 - Type and quantity of hazardous material involved, if known.
 - Type of exposure to personnel, skin or eye contact, inhalation, etc.
 - Extent of injuries or damage, if any.

What should I do if I work with work with, ship, or receive hazardous materials?

You must comply with strict local, state, and federal regulations. These regulations contain requirements for hazardous material inventories, training, and proper waste disposal. Regulations also define hazardous material groups to include, but are not limited to the following:

Poison/Toxic	Explosive	Biohazardous	Corrosive
Flammable/Combustible	Reactive	Radioactive	

For more information visit the EH&S web page at www.fau.edu/ehs or contact EH&S at 7-3129.