Phone Numbers

EHS Hazardous Materials 785-864-2853
EHS Emergency Pager 785-838-7421
KU Public Safety 785-864-5900
Emergency! 911

More Info

www.ehs.ku.edu

Spill Kit
Inventory & Instructions

Your spill kit should consist of:
1 five-gallon screw-top bucket
1 48” mini-boom (the long, skinny sorbent)
2 sorbent pillows
10 sorbent pads
2 trash bags
2 pairs of nitrile gloves

If any items are missing or have been used, contact EHS to have them replenished.
In the event of a spill...

**Remain calm, move away from the spill, and ask other lab personnel for help.** If anyone has been injured remove them and any personnel who may be affected from the area. If necessary, get them to the eyewash or safety shower and call 911.

**Is there an immediate threat to life or health?** If so, clear the area.

- Pull fire alarm to evacuate building and call 911
- Call EHS Emergency Pager at 838-7421 (Enter your call-back phone number and hit the # sign)
- Report to responding emergency personnel (Police, Fire, EHS)

If the spill generates flammable vapor, **extinguish possible ignition sources** if safe to do so.

**Do not open windows** as this may draw fumes further into the building.

Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for guidance.

**Can you clean the spill?**

Do you have sufficient:

- equipment to protect you from the hazards of the spill?
- materials and absorbents to clean the spill?
- training to make the above determinations?
- training to clean the spill safely?

If you answered “no” to any of the above questions, do not attempt to clean the spill without seeking assistance from EHS.

- Call EHS Emergency Pager at 838-7421
- If possible, use items in the spill kit to prevent the spill from spreading or reaching floor drains before EHS arrives.

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**Spill Response Guidelines**

**Liquid chemical spill.**

Put on appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE).

**Use the mini-boom to block the spill from spreading under furniture or into floor drains.**

**Place sorbent pillows on top of spill to absorb the chemical.**

**Wipe up the spill area with remaining sorbent pads.**

**Line the 5-gallon bucket with the trash bag and put all of the used clean-up material inside.**

**Close the trash bag and the bucket.** Attach a completed Hazardous Materials label and contact EHS for pickup and replacement.