Spill Kits

How to ensure you are prepared to safely and efficiently respond to a spill in the laboratory





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A hazard assessment should be completed prior to each experiment

- **1.** Chemical Hazards List all chemicals used in experiment and possible hazards associated with them.
- 2. Procedural Hazards List all necessary hazards related to an experimental procedure and describe how to minimize risk.
- **3.** Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) List all the necessary protection for safe experiment.
- **4.** Waste Disposal Explain what to do with the waste generated.
- 5. Hazard Response Think of how you will respond in the event of emergency (e.g. spill of hazardous materials

Ensure you have the necessary supplies to *safely* respond to a spill



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Basic spill kit supplies

Container	For used materials	 Ziplock bags Plastic containers, jar, or bucket (5-gallon)
PPE	General requirements	 <u>2</u> pairs chemical splash goggles <u>2</u> pairs chemical-resistant gloves <u>2</u> pairs plastic, vinyl, or rubber shoe covers <u>2</u> disposable lab coats, aprons, or coveralls
Absorption Materials	Inert material to soak up spills	Universal absorbents such as commercial spill pads and/or loose absorbents
Cleanup Tools & Materials	General requirements	 Plastic scoop, dustpan, or shovel 3-5 thick, heavy duty waste bags Cardboard box to hold waste bag Sealing tape & EHS hazardous waste labels Forceps or tongs for picking up sharps Detergent or general cleaner for final cleanup

Additional materials may be needed depending on the specific hazards used in the laboratory

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Spill kits are important to ensure everyone's safety

Before starting any experiment, *always* ensure you know:

- Location of spill kit
 - Is this easily accessible?
- Contents of spill kit

Should additional supplies be added?

What is the largest potential spill volume?

Note: PIG HazMat Pads are specified to absorb 800 mL per pad

• How to use items included in the spill kit



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