# Introduction to Service or Program (Spill Response)

A spill is any unintended release of material that increases risk to human health, the environment or property. This section details how to ensure that spills are handled in a safe manner and properly reported. Not all spills require EH&S notification nor response.

# Service or Program Content (Full)

**Emergency Spills**

If, in your judgement, a spill may cause a health-threatening situation such as fire, explosion or toxic gas release:

* Call **9-911** for emergency assistance
* Alert people in the vicinity
* Evacuate the area
* Remain nearby to provide information to emergency personnel

**Non-Emergency Spills Requiring EH&S Assistance**

Contact EH&S at (650) **725-9999** if the spill:

* Is not contained in a hood or on a lab bench, **and**
* May result in an environmental impact (by entering a sink or floor drain or contaminating soil/water or creating an inhalation hazard, **or**
* Clean up cannot be completed within 15 minutes.

**Spills Not Requiring EH&S Assistance**

EH&S **does** **not** need to be contacted for assistance if the spill:

* Is less than one (1) ounce, **and**
* You are knowledgeable about the hazards of the material, **and**
* You can clean up the sill using available materials and personal protective equipment.

Please contact EH&S to report a spill of less than one (1) ounce if it required longer than 15 minutes to clean up.

For cleanup of small spills that do not involve immersion in liquids or risk of overexposure, use laboratory protective equipment available for routine handling of the material (including appropriate gloves and eye protection).

All contaminated spill cleanup materials must be managed as hazardous waste.