EXPOSURES
REPORT ALL INJURIES IMMEDIATELY.

Report all injuries to your supervisor immediately. Call the UNO Health Center at (402) 554-2374 M-F from 8 am to 4:30 pm for post-exposure medical guidance for needle sticks, biological exposures, animal bites, chemical exposures, etc.

Radioactive Material Exposures: Call Public Safety at 4-2911.

INJURIES
An Injury Report form must be completed for ALL injuries and that occur on campus. The Injury Report form can be found on-line at: https://ehs.unomaha.edu/injury

CHEMICAL SPILLS

Depending on the chemical properties and quantity of the spilled chemical it can create potentially dangerous situations. Therefore, it is important that UNO personnel are prepared for chemical spill procedures.

Controlled Spills: These are spills of chemicals that are not reasonably expected to be a threat to human health or the environment, the properties are well-known, and have been previously determined to be safely cleaned by laboratory personnel.

Controlled Spills, requiring assistance: These are spills of chemicals that are not reasonably expected to pose a threat to human health or the environment. The properties are well-known, but they are beyond the capabilities of laboratory personnel.

Uncontrolled Spill: These are spills of chemicals that involve personnel injury, fire or explosion and can pose a threat to human health, the environment or UNO property. It also includes large uncontrollable chemical spills, unknown chemical spills that are reasonably expected to cause serious injury or damage, or spills of chemicals that are water reactive, pyrophoric, shock sensitive, temperature sensitive, or highly toxic materials and cannot be safely cleaned by laboratory personnel.

TO REPORT A CHEMICAL SPILL, CALL PUBLIC SAFETY AT (402) 554-2911.

CHEMICAL SPILL KIT

Spill kits should be readily available and stored near the chemical use. It is important that all lab personnel know the location, content, and how to use the spill kit. Spill kits should be inspected at least yearly, to determine viability of supplies.

Designated spill kit location: ________________________________

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

It is important that PPE be selected based upon the hazard to the worker, properly fitted and in some cases periodically retimed (e.g. respirators), conscientiously and properly worn, regularly maintained and replaced in accordance with manufacturer’s specifications, properly removed and disposed of to avoid contamination of self, others or the environment.

PPE Available: __________________________________________

LABORATORY EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT

Nearest Safety Shower is located: ________________________________

Nearest Eyewash station is located: ________________________________

WASTE HANDLING

Policies and procedures regarding waste within the laboratory can be found on the EHS website at: http://ehs.unomaha.edu

Biohazard Waste: Biohazardous waste, also called infectious waste or infectious substances. All solid biohazard waste shall be discarded into red biohazard waste containers and picked up by Environmental Services. All liquid biohazard waste should be bleached and dumped to the sanitary sewer.

Chemical Waste: Label containers with full chemical names, no abbreviations, the words “Hazardous Waste” and the appropriate GHS hazards or NFPA rating. Do not place incompatible chemicals in the same container. Keep used chemical collection containers closed, except when adding chemicals. Store used chemical collection containers in secondary containment. When a waste container is full, or you are no longer adding to it, complete Green Chemical Collection Tag. Request EHS Chemical Pick-up by calling 4-3596.

HAZARD AWARENESS

ALL CONTAINERS CONTAINING CHEMICALS MUST BE CLEARLY LABELED. NO ABBREVIATIONS.

Hazardous materials present physical and/or health threats to workers in clinical, industrial, and academic laboratories. Each laboratory must identify which hazardous materials will be encountered by its workers. Prior to performing any assigned job duties, laboratory personnel should be aware of the hazards present in the laboratory and steps necessary to minimize or eliminate them.

GLOBALLY HARMONIZED SYSTEM (GHS) (of the classification and labeling of chemicals)

The United States has adopted the Global Harmonized System (GHS) of Classifying and Labeling Chemicals. The biggest visible impact of the GHS is the appearance of and information required for labels and SDSs.

Labels require signal words, pictograms, precautionary statements and appropriate hazard statements. The goal is that the same set of rules for classifying hazards, and the same format and contents for labels and safety data sheets will be used around the world.

CHEMICALS

ACID = Acid
ALK = Alkali
COR = Corrosive
FLAMMABLE = Flammable
FRAGILE = Fragile
OZONE DEPLETING = Ozone Depleting
PBT = PBT
SCREAMING = Screaming
SLOW = Slow
WEIGHT = Weight
WHITE = White
YELLOW = Yellow

ACCESSIBILITY

It is the responsibility of all staff, students and faculty of UNO to read, understand and comply with UNO’s safety policies, safe work practices, procedures and guidelines. Everyone is responsible to take precaution to protect the safety of other workers and himself/herself.

24 HOUR EMERGENCY CONTACT PUBLIC SAFETY (402) 554-2911

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cardiac Arrests 4-2911
Chemical Spills 4-2911
Emergencies 4-2911
Health Center 4-2374
Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) 4-3956
Environmental Services (ES) 4-2500
Facilities Service Desk 4-3600
Fume Hood/Biological Cabinets 4-3600
Gas Odors/Leaks 4-2911
Information Security 4-2425
Lab Safety Signs 4-3921
Needle Sticks/Body Fluid Exposures 4-2911
Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
Public Safety (non-emergency) 4-2648
Radioactive Spills 4-2911

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