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General Spill Procedure for Biohazards

Background Information

This procedure may be adopted by your laboratory and denoted in your IBC application. Your laboratory must ensure that an efficacious disinfectant for the material in use is utilized. Spill supplies must be maintained in the laboratory at all times.

Procedure

- Alert people in immediate areas of the spill.
- Don appropriate protective equipment.
- Cover the spill with paper towels or other absorbent materials.
- Carefully pour a freshly prepared 1:10 dilution of household bleach or approved, efficacious disinfectant prepared to manufacturer's recommended dilution around the edges of the spill and into the spill. Avoid splashing. Allow 20 minute contact period.
- Use paper towels to wipe up the spill, working from the edges into the center.
- Clean spill area with fresh paper towels soaked in approved disinfectant.
- Place paper towels into a biohazard bag for disposal.