FACT SHEET

Biohazard Spill Kit

Labs that work with biohazardous materials are required to have a biohazard spill kit. Biosafety recommends that a "grab-and-go" kit be assembled and inspected regularly to ensure all components are available, not expired and easily accessible by all lab personnel.

DISINFECTANT

One that is effective against the agent you are using and a pre-marked mixing container, if appropriate

SIGNAGE

To inform other personnel of the spill and provide contact information

PPE

Include gloves, eye (and face) protection, and lab coats; respiratory protection, shoe covers and other PPE may be warranted for the agent(s) you are using

BRUSH/DUSTPAN, TONGS OR FORCEPS

For picking up items such as broken glass and reaching over the spill area

ABSORBENT PAPER TOWELS

To contain and clean up the spill; other appropriate absorbent materials may be used (contact Biosafety for more information)

RED BIOHAZARD BAGS

For disposal of items contaminated with biohazardous waste



AUTOCLAVE BAGS

For containing and decontaminating durable equipment used for the cleanup (e.g., non-disposable/autoclavable dustpan and brush, tongs, forceps)

LABELED, DURABLE, LEAK-RESISTANT CONTAINER WITH LID

To transport materials to/from the spill area



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