EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
INCIDENTS INVOLVING RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

This posting summarizes radioactive material emergency procedures. The Radiation Protection Procedures Manual (Authorized Users Manual) lists procedures in more detail. For all incidents the Radiation Safety Office must be contacted immediately and an "Incident Report" (RS FORM 7) must be completed.

Radiation Safety Office Contact Numbers
Work hours: 558-4110 or Emergency Digital Pager (513) 249-6812*
After hours: Emergency Digital Pager (513) 249-6812*

or

Contact Security and request they contact the Radiation Safety On-call Technician
University of Cincinnati: (513) 556-1111 or (513) 558-1111
CCHMC: (513) 636-4204   SHC: (513) 872-6230

Spills
1. Stop and contain spill, if possible.
   Spill of liquid radioactive material - contain liquid by surrounding with absorbent material
   Spill of solid radioactive material - cover with well dampened absorbent paper
2. Warn/notify all individuals in the area a radioactive material (RAM) spill has occurred.
3. Immediately contact the Radiation Safety Office.
4. Decontaminate.
5. Survey to ensure effectiveness of decontamination.

Personnel Contamination
1. Notify other individuals in the area of the incident and, if necessary, request help.
2. Treat potentially contaminated area:
   Eye - flush eye with water for 15 minutes
   Skin - wash gently with mild soap and warm water
   Inhalation - vacate area and regroup outside
   Clothing - remove and wash skin under area with soap and water
3. Immediately contact the Radiation Safety Office.

Personnel Injury (TREAT INJURY FIRST)
1. Contact medical personnel. Inform them radioactive material may be involved.
2. Immediately contact the Radiation Safety Office.

Fire (FIGHT FIRE FIRST)
1. Vacate area or use fire extinguisher.
2. Sound fire alarm.
3. Contact fire department. Inform them radioactive materials may be involved.
4. Immediately contact the Radiation Safety Office.
5. Complete incident report and submit copy to the Radiation Safety Office.

* The area code “513” is required, use all 10 digits.