

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

Typical Laboratory Chemical Spill Kit

Items	Purpose / Details
Polypropylene or high-density polyethylene	To act as a receptacle for chemical resistant bag liners during a spill
bucket with top	clean-up and as a storage container for the spill kit components.
(5-gallon size or larger)	
Chemical resistant bags	All spill residue and spill clean-up material should be placed in a high
	density polyethylene or polypropylene bag. These bags should be
	made of strong construction:
	Leak proof
	4mil in thickness
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	No gloves are totally chemical-proof; however, some are more
At least:	resistant to chemicals than others.
 2 pairs of chemical splash goggles 	Latex gloves are not resistant to most laboratory chemicals and should
 2 pairs of disposable nitrile gloves 	not be in the spill kit.
• 2 pairs of heavy gauge, long cuff nitrile,	
Neoprene or butyl rubber gloves	
2 Tychem® coveralls (L or XL)	
• 2 pairs chemical resistant shoe covers	
• 2 disposable masks (N95)	
Universal hazard absorbent pads	High Capacity
	Chemically inert
	Absorbs aggressive chemicals as well as non-aggressive compounds
	such as water
	Good for all chemicals:
	Acids
	Bases
	Flammable liquids
	Formaldehyde
	Organic peroxides
Plastic clean-up tools	For solid chemical spills.
(dust pan or scoop and brush, etc.)	Should be chemical resistant and non-sparling (non-static).
	A variety of polypropylene tools are available.
EHS chemical waste labels	To properly identify spill waste.
Neutralizing and treatment materials	Type and quantity are dependent on the laboratory's chemicals:
(only if strong acids/bases are used)	Acid and/or base neutralizer
	1 roll of pH paper
Mercury spill kit (optional)	Only if possibility of mercury spill in laboratory.
A copy of all applicable chemical spill	
procedures or SOP	

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Typical Laboratory Biological (Biohazardous) Spill Kit

Items	Purpose / Details
Autoclave bags	For collecting biologically contaminated materials during the cleanup.
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	Latex, vinyl or nitrile gloves should be available in multiple sizes.
At least:	Disposable N95 masks protect from direct (splash) and indirect
 2 pairs of chemical splash goggles 	(accidental transfer via hands) contact with infectious material or
2 pairs of disposable gloves	toxins during spill cleanup. If fit-tested, N95 masks also provide
2 disposable gowns or lab coats (size L or XL)	protection from aerosols.
2 pairs chemical resistant shoe covers	
2 disposable masks (N95)	
Absorbent materials	Absorbent materials can be:
	Paper towels or absorbent pads
	High-absorbency paper towels (such as Wypalls)
	Micro-encapsulation absorbent (e.g., BioSorb, SafeGuard
	Absorbent, Safetec EZ Cleans Kit, etc.)
Plastic clean-up tools, for example:	Polypropylene plastic can be autoclaved
Polypropylene brush and dustpan or scoop	For collecting contaminated materials such as broken glass/sharps
Tweezers or forceps	
Effective concentrated chemical disinfectant	Consult your SOP to find the proper procedure.
	Dilute immediately before use, e.g., if chlorine bleach is
	appropriate, dilute household bleach (~5% sodium hypochlorite) to 1/10.
	Replace yearly to ensure efficacy
Sharps container	
A copy of all applicable biological spill	
procedures or SOP	

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Typical Laboratory Nuclear Substance Spill Kit

Items	Purpose / Details
Polypropylene or high-density polyethylene	To act as a receptacle for bag liners during a spill clean-up and as a
bucket with top	storage container for the spill kit components.
(5-gallon size or larger)	Thickness of pail can better block radiations than plastic bags solely.
Chemical resistant bags	All spill residue and spill clean-up material should be placed in a high
	density polyethylene or polypropylene bag. These bags should be
	made of strong construction:
	Leak proof
	4mil in thickness
Chalk, wax pencil or tape	To clearly mark or delimitate radioactive spill area.
Personal protective equipment (PPE)	No gloves are totally chemical-proof; however, some are more
At least:	resistant to chemicals than others.
2 pairs of chemical splash goggles	
2 pairs of disposable nitrile gloves	
2 disposable gowns or laboratories coats	
(L or XL)	
2 pairs chemical resistant shoe covers	
• 2 disposable masks (N95)	
Universal hazard absorbent pads	High Capacity and chemically inert.
	Absorbs aggressive chemicals as well as non-aggressive compounds
	such as water.
Decontamination solution and scrub brush	General cleaner/detergents such as RadCon spray or similar foaming
	spray
	A scouring powder, scrub brush can also be used for a more
	aggressive decontamination.
Forceps or tongs	For safe handling of any sharps.
Radioactive waste labels	Label "Radiation – Danger – Rayonnement" with radiation logo to
	properly identify radioactive spill waste.
Wipe testing kit	Filter papers and liquid scintillation vials for wipe test.
Contaminationmeter	Mainly for gamma and energetic beta emitters (e.g. P ³² , Tc ^{99m} or F ¹⁸)
A copy of all applicable radioactive spill	
procedures or SOP	

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