# Exposure Response

for biological, chemical, or radiological exposures

## CALL 911 FOR ANY LIFE THREATENING EMERGENCY

## 1. PERFORM FIRST AID

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<th>Injury Type</th>
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<td>Needlestick, puncture or sharps injury, or animal bite/scratch</td>
<td>Wash thoroughly for 15 minutes with warm water and sudsing soap.</td>
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<td>Eye exposure</td>
<td>Use emergency station to flush eyes for 15 minutes while holding eyes open.</td>
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| Skin exposure | - **Radioactive**: Survey skin and wash until the count rate cannot be reduced further. Stop if skin becomes irritated.  
- **Chemical**: Wash with tepid water for 15 minutes.  
- **Hydrofluoric acid**: Wash for 5 minutes, then apply calcium gluconate gel to skin.  
- **Biological**: Wash with sudsing soap and water for 15 minutes. |
| Inhalation or ingestion | - Move out of the contaminated area and seek fresh air.  
- Do not induce vomiting unless instructed to do so.  
- **Radioactive**: Blow nose into clean tissue and survey for contamination. |

## 2. GET MEDICAL HELP

### For radiological exposure or emergency:
- Call Radiation Safety at **206-543-0463**.  
- Call 911 if office closed.  
- Provide the radionuclide, estimated amount and time since exposure.

### For chemical exposure or emergency:
- Call **911** and follow the instructions given.  
- Provide the chemical name, concentration, time since exposure and Safety Data Sheet (SDS).

### For biological and all other exposures:
- Call the Employee Health Center at **206-685-1026**.  
- Harborview sites call **206-744-3081**.  
- If closed, call **911** and follow the instructions given.

### For all exposures:
- Notify your supervisor.  
- Secure the area before leaving.

## 3. REPORT THE INCIDENT

### For hospitalization, fatality, or recombinant nucleic acid exposure:
Notify EH&S immediately after performing first aid and getting medical help:
- Call the EH&S main phone line at **206-543-7262**.  
- If closed, call **206-685-UWPD(8973)** to reach EH&S staff on call.

### All incidents and near misses:
Submit a report via the UW Online Accident Report (OARS) within 24 hours at [https://oars.ehs.washington.edu](https://oars.ehs.washington.edu)