

Emergency Response

Introduction- EHS provides emergency response services to the University campus. This service includes remediation of incidents involving hazardous chemicals, biological agents and radioactive materials.



Equipment- EHS has the equipment and supplies to manage spills and emergencies involving hazardous materials. EHS is geared to remediation of emergencies which would normally be encountered in a research or teaching laboratory setting. EHS has a fully stocked response trailer which contains equipment that few response teams have access to. EHS is one of the few groups in the southeast with a LATE-PCR detection system for identifying specific high threat biological agents. In addition to fully contained response suits, EHS has re-breather air supply units that allow for extended time in the active response areas.



Staffing- EHS personnel involved in hazardous material response are trained regarding their particular task during a response. Tasks include contamination setup, support personnel, information gathering and reporting and onsite remediation. Personnel responsible for site remediation have years of experience responding to hazmat emergencies on campus.

Protocols- EHS operates under distinctive protocols depending upon the nature of the hazmat emergency. Exact protocols are detailed in a series of flow charts which are available at the remediation site.

How To Request A Response- Almost daily there are a number of minor spills in many laboratories across campus. Lab supervisors handle most of these themselves. However if assistance is needed you may contact EHS at 348-5905 during normal operating hours (8:00-4:45 M-F). At any time and after hours, you may contact UAPD at 348-5454 to report a hazardous material emergency. You should provide information including location, materials involved and a brief description of the situation.



What To Do If You Have A Hazardous Material Emergency In A Lab:

- Render aid if needed.
- Shut down equipment and experiments if possible.
- Leave the lab and keep others from entering.
- Inform EHS (348-5905) and UAPD (348-5454)