When A Biological Spill Occurs...

Alert people in the immediate area.

Check yourself for contamination.

Assess the situation: are you wearing all of the necessary PPE to clean this spill?

Cover the spill and the area around the spill with absorbent material.

Pour freshly made 10% bleach on absorbent materials in a spiral motion, starting from the outside of the spill working your way into the center.

Allow a 20-minute contact period.

Wipe down any contaminated stationary equipment or furniture with an appropriate disinfectant.

Use forceps, tongs, or broom to remove sharp objects and other items; then place in appropriate container (sharps, red bag, or regular garbage if BSL-1).

Clean the area again with the 10% bleach solution.

Decontaminate (autoclave or chemical treatment) your reusable clean-up items.

Remove PPE and wash your hands with soap.

Inform laboratory personnel when the spill clean-up is complete.

Contact EH&S at (510) 642-3073 or bso@berkeley.edu to report the spill.