

# 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 **bsos@berkeley.edu** to report the spill.