

Chemical and Biological Spill Kits vs. First Aid Kits

Lab Safety Awareness Week

Laboratories are responsible for ensuring spill response procedures are in place, spill kit supplies remain available, and personnel are properly trained. EH&S should be notified if chemical or biological spill kit supplies are needed, or if assistance is required during spill response.

EH&S is responsible for providing chemical spill kits, supporting spill response, and responding to major chemical spills. First aid kits are intended only for treatment of injuries, not for chemical or biological cleanup. Any injuries requiring first aid should be reported to University Police.



- Labs may clean minor, known chemical spills using EH&S-provided chemical spill kits
- Major or unknown chemical spills: Call University Police → EH&S responds
- Biological / bloodborne pathogen spills: Use biological spill kits → contact EH&S as needed
- EH&S manages and maintains spill kits — not first aid kits
- First Aid kit is for injuries only → report all injuries requiring first aid to University Police

