

Section 5: Emergency Response

(Excerpted from Exposure Control Plan For Bloodborne And Other Pathogens In NMHU Teaching And Research Laboratories)

5.1. Emergency Response

Telephone numbers of emergency personnel, supervisors, and other workers as deemed appropriate are posted on the lab or studio entrance. These signs will be checked quarterly for accuracy.

5.2. In Case of Fire

NMHU's policy is that the first reaction to a fire is to evacuate the occupants of the building. Fire extinguishers are available in labs and studios. Extinguishers can be used by trained personnel to fight small fires (size of wastebasket or less). Fire extinguisher training is available from the Campus Safety Officer.

5.3. In Case of Spills

In the event of a spill, release, or other accident where infectious agents may be present lab workers will respond as outlined in the NMHU Emergency Response Plan. The size of the spill and its hazards will guide the appropriate response. If there is any doubt about the lab worker's ability to safely clean up the spill, call Campus Security (5555). Note that proper emergency response depends upon knowledge of the hazards present in the lab.

5.4. In Case of Personnel Exposures

All employees shall be instructed in the location and proper usage of emergency showers and eyewashes. Furthermore, training shall include information on proper decontamination procedures. In case of a medical emergency phone Campus Security at 5555. A person can seek a medical consultation after an exposure at NMHU expense (See Section 8).

5.5. Emergency Phone Numbers

- NMHU Campus Security (24 hours) 5555 (on-campus) or 454-3278
- Campus Safety Officer 454-3392
- Chemical/Biological Hygiene Officer (454-2035)
- Poison Control Center 9-1-800-222-1222

In the event of a life threatening illness or injury dial 5555 and request an ambulance.