Follow These Steps for
Biological, Chemical, and Radiological Exposures

*Medical life-threatening emergencies call 911*

1. **Provide First Aid Immediately**

   **Sharps injury** *e.g., needlestick, bite, scratch, puncture wound*
   - Scrub exposed area thoroughly for 15 minutes using warm water and sudsing soap.

   **Skin exposure** *to chemical, biological, or radioactive materials*
   - Use the nearest safety shower for 15 minutes. Stay under the shower and remove clothing. Use a clean lab coat or spare clothing for cover-up.

   **Eye exposure** *to chemical, biological, radioactive materials*
   - Use the eye wash for 15 minutes while holding eyelids open.

   **Inhalation** *of chemical, biological, or radioactive materials*
   - Move out of contaminated area. Get medical help.

2. **Get Help** *(share details of exposure *e.g.*, agent, dose, route, time since exposure, SDS)*

   **Medical emergencies involving chemical exposures** call 911 or go to emergency room.

   **For sharps injuries and biological and radiological exposures** do the following:

   **During Business hours:**
   - *(Includes SLU)* Call the UW Employee Health Center at 206-685-1026.
   - At Harborview sites call 206-744-3081.
   - Radiological exposures also call Radiation Safety at 206-543-0463.

   **Outside of Business hours or if Employee Health Center is closed:**
   - Chemical and radiological exposures: call 911 or go to nearest emergency room.
   - Biological exposures: go to nearest emergency room or call 911.

   **Notify your supervisor** as soon as possible for assistance. **Secure area before leaving.**

3. **Report Incident to Environmental Health & Safety**

   **If serious accident, hospitalization or fatality, after providing first aid and/or getting help, notify EH&S immediately.**
   - During business hours call 206-543-7262. Outside of business hours call 206-685-UWPD (8973) to be routed to the EH&S Staff on Call.
   - **For incidents involving recombinant DNA (recDNA),** including exposures from animals that previously received recDNA, notify EH&S Research and Occupational Safety as soon as possible at 206-221-7770.

   **For all incidents and near misses,** complete UW Online Accident Report within 24 hours at [http://www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsoars/index.shtm](http://www.ehs.washington.edu/ohsoars/index.shtm).