

Protocols for serious work-related injuries

What every P.I. and supervisor @ Purdue needs to know

1. Assessing nature of injury

Primary response: Call 911, describe injury, ask for ambulance

Alternate response (non-emergencies): Labmate or workmate drives injured party to ROCC (Working hours), Urgent Care facilities (early PM) or Emergency care (late PM).

2. Documentation of incident

- (a) PI/Supervisor (or GSR) submits details of accident through online incident reporting system: <https://www.chem.purdue.edu/chemsafety/IncidentReport.php>
- (b) PI/Supervisor submits First Report of Injury (FROI) within 24 hours to REM (use link above to access DocuSign form)

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3. Communication of incident (follow-up)

Internal: P.I.s should work closely with Dept. Head and DSC and to provide all details, ASAP.

Relevant details of the incident will be communicated in a de-identified manner at faculty meetings and (if appropriate) to the Chemistry community at-large, by either the Dept. Head or DSC Chair.

External: Information will be released officially through the Department Head.

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3. Communication of incident (follow-up, cont'd)

Safety education: Those with intimate knowledge of the incident are asked to share their experience with 1st year students in CHM 60500 (2nd half of Fall semester), including how to avoid a recurrence of the situation. Discussing accident details in a classroom setting offers the proper level of transparency and is preferable to informal channels of communication.

Note that sharing details of lab accidents, and what might be done to prevent them in the future, is greatly appreciated but is also a voluntary service. Those involved should feel comfortable to have details of the incident presented.

SOP for Medical Emergencies, with instructions and directions to ROCC and urgent care centers (Post in your lab!)

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Getting medical treatment for work-related injuries

Injured while on the job or working in lab? Some simple instructions:

A. Emergency medical attention

Important examples:

- Direct contact or exposure to chemicals (liquid or vapor) of an unknown nature
- Acute exposure to chemicals with highest level hazard rating (GHS level 1)
- 3rd degree burns or cryogenic equivalent (frostbite)
- Injury resulting in profuse bleeding or pain
- Eye injuries

What to do:

1. Use eyewash or safety shower, if appropriate
2. Call 911.
3. Arrange for transport to an emergency care center (by ambulance):
 - Franciscan Health East
 - IU Health Arnett
4. If known hazard, print out MSDS sheets to inform medical staff.
5. (follow-up) Supervisor/PI submits a First Report of Injury.

B. Non-emergency medical attention

Some examples:

- Serious cut or tissue trauma, warranting medical examination
- Persistent headache, nausea, or irritation, cause unknown
- Mild to moderate irritation, low-level chemical exposure suspected

What to do (all staff, graduate students, AND undergraduates on payroll*):

1. Arrange for transport to the appropriate medical center, as follows:
 - Daytime (8 am – 6 pm): ROCC (Unity Health Plaza, Lafayette)
 - Early evening (6–8 pm) & weekends (8 am – 8 pm): Franciscan ExpressCare West
 - Night/early AM: Franciscan Health East or IU Health Arnett
2. If known hazard, print out MSDS sheets to inform medical staff.
3. (follow-up) Supervisor/PI submits a First Report of Injury.

Healthcare Centers and Contact Information on next page

* Undergraduates who are actively enrolled in CHM 499 are permitted to use PUSH.

Chemistry Department Safety Committee



INJURIES – Where to Go

Non-Emergency Treatment and Follow-up Care

Regional Occupational Care Center (ROCC)
 (765) 446-2450
 1321 Unity Pl., Suite A
 Lafayette, IN.
 Hours: 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Use Urgent Care or Immediate Care when the above facility is closed (between 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM) and ONLY for the day of injury. Follow up care should be with ROCC or as directed by the WC insurance adjuster.

Franciscan ExpressCare West Lafayette
 915 Sagamore Parkway West
 West Lafayette, IN. 47906
 (765) 463-6262
 Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 Open 7 days a week

OR

Unity Immediate Care Center
 1321 Unity Pl. Suite B
 (765) 446-1362
 Hours: 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM
 Open 7 days a week
 Closed on Christmas

Use the hospital emergency rooms if it is a **TRUE** Emergency OR if the above facilities are not open (after 8:00 PM)

Emergency Care

Franciscan Health Lafayette - East
 1701 South Creasy Lane
 Lafayette, IN 47905
 (765) 502-4000

OR

IU Health Arnett
 5165 McCarty Lane
 Lafayette, IN 47905
 (765) 838-5100

