

EXPOSURE TO INFECTIOUS AGENTS



What is an Exposure?

Contact with:

broken skin, eyes,
nose, mouth or other
mucous membranes

an infectious agent
over a large area of
apparently intact skin

Injury with:



a contaminated sharp

What to Do

Clean It

SKIN Exposure: Immediately remove contaminated clothing and wash contaminated area with soap and water for 15 minutes.

EYE Exposure: Immediately remove contact lenses and flush the eye with water for at least 15 minutes at an eyewash or faucet.

Treat It

If life-threatening injury or need transport: call Public Safety at 911 (university phone) or 609-258-3333 (cell).

Mon-Fri 8am-4pm: Go to University Health Services (609-258-5035).

Evenings & Weekends: (BSL-2 materials) contact Public Safety for transport to Emergency Room at University Medical Center Princeton Plainsboro. (BSL-1 materials) seek treatment at UHS on next business day.

Report It

Report all exposures to your immediate supervisor and Principal Investigator. Principal Investigators are responsible for reporting exposure incidents to EHS Biosafety.