## IF IN DOUBT:

**GET OUT AND REPORT SPILLS IMMEDIATELY!**

**7** Do not attempt to clean up a major spill. Contact the NPMCC and stand by in a safe location.

**8** Once the chemical spill is under control, the staff should wait for the signal to return to the workplace. The signal is given by the safety officer.

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## When a chemical spills

## WHAT TO DO DURING A
# CHEMICAL SPILL

WHILE IN UPM-PGH PREMISES

**1** Cordon off the area to prevent access.

**2** If possible, identify the substance by checking containers surrounding the spill.

**3** Inform the supersivor of the incident. The supervisor will get in touch with the **National Poison Management & Control Center (NPMCC) 524-1078** or **554-8400** local **2311** or cellphone number **09228961541**.

**4** Depending on the nature of the chemical, you might open the doors and windows to provide ventilation to the area.

**5** **Once the area is declared safe, assist any injured persons** by removing them from exposure, getting them to a safe area and help them <u>seek medical attention</u>.

**For chemical exposure to the skin:**
- Immediately flush exposed area with water for at least 15 minutes.
- If no visible injuries are noted, remove all accessories.
- Soap the area.

**For chemical exposure in the eyes:**
- Irrigate the eyes at least 15 minutes with water.
- Remove contact lenses if possible.

**For inhalational exposure:**
- Transfer victim/s to an area with fresh air.
- Never attempt to enter an area where potentially dangerous contaminants might place you at risk.

**If clothing catches fire:**
- Use the **drop** and **roll** technique or flush with cold water to extinguish fire on clothes.
- Remove contaminated clothing and cover the victim.

**6** For simple or minor spills, trained staff shall:
- Put on appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Contain spill with absorbent spill material.
- Clean up residues by sweeping, double bagging, sealing, and labelling for proper disposal.
- Keep the area ventilated and decontaminated.