Response to
Spill **INSIDE** a Biological Safety Cabinet (BSC)

The following are recommended procedures for evaluating and handling a spill:
- Identify what disinfectant works against the specific agent of concern.
- Determine the concentration and contact time needed for the disinfectant to work.
- Gather Cleanup Materials:
  - Disinfectant
  - Forceps
  - Paper towels
  - Autoclavable container or bags
- Follow cleanup procedure:
  1. Leave BSC on.
  2. Don protective gloves and a laboratory coat.
  3. Flood area with suitable disinfectant, starting at the perimeter and working towards the center. Also flood the drain pans and catch basins below the work surface if the spill reached these areas.
  4. Allow sufficient contact time with disinfectant (usually >20 minutes).
  5. Soak up disinfectant and spill with paper towels. If needed, drain the catch basin into a container.
  6. Spray and/or wipe down all affected cabinet surfaces and any items in the BSC with suitable disinfectant.
  7. Discard all contaminated clean-up materials into biohazard waste container.
  8. Wash hands.
 10. Supervisor must complete [Biological Incident Response Form](#) and submit to EHS.

Note: Biohazardous waste must not be discarded through the regular trash service. It must be decontaminated with steam sterilization (i.e. autoclave) or disposed through a biohazardous waste disposal contractor.