Response to
Spill OUTSIDE a Containment Device

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. Allow time for aerosols to settle – Keep people out of area to prevent spread of contamination.
2. Remove any contaminated clothing and put into autoclavable container/bag for decontamination later.
3. Wash hands and exposed skin.
4. Don eye protection, protective gloves, and a laboratory coat. If needed, use respiratory protection and shoe covers.
5. Gently cover the spill with absorbent paper towel and saturate with suitable disinfectant, starting at the perimeter and working towards the center.
6. Allow sufficient contact time with disinfectant (usually >20 minutes).
7. Pick up towels and discard into biohazard waste container.
8. Pick up broken glass with forceps and place in appropriate sharps container.
9. Re-wipe spill area with disinfectant.
10. Discard all contaminated clean-up materials into biohazard waste container.
11. Wash hands.
12. Report incident to supervisor.
13. 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.