



INFECTED MATERIAL ACCIDENTS INSTRUCTIONS

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1. PURPOSE

To determine the basic rules to be followed during the accidents that may occur during work with infected material in the laboratories of Erciyes University Faculty of Veterinary Medicine.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

The activities described in this instruction cover all student, diagnostic and research laboratories of the Faculty.

3. APPLICATION

Surface contamination:

- Identify and isolate the contaminated area.
- Warn the people you work with.
- Pick up broken glass with tongs/forceps.
- Cover the spilled liquid with absorbent material (paper towel or filter paper); make sure the spill is sucked up and repeat if necessary.
- Pour disinfectant* on the absorbent cover.
- Let the disinfectant stay for about 20 minutes.
- Take the absorber and clean the environment with alcohol or surface detergent-water.
- In the meantime, immediately throw the contaminated material (in the waste container).
- Notify your superior.

Personnel contamination:

- Wash the contact area of the body with soapy water, eyes with eye wash solution or mouth with SERUM PHYSIOLOGICAL.
- Remove contaminated clothing.
- Apply first aid and act as an “emergency”.
- Notify your superior.

* As a disinfectant, 1/100 diluted hypochlorite (bleach) is sufficient for most spills. If a large amount of contaminated material is spilled, 1/10 hypochlorite is used.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Alcohol, due to its volatile nature, does not spill because the “contact time” is short.

Not recommended for post surface decontamination!

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