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## Emergency Procedures

### Biological Exposures

To prevent exposures to blood or potentially infectious materials, always use Universal Precautions by wearing gloves, goggles, and other barrier devices. However, if your skin, mucous membranes or your eyes become exposed you should:

- **CUTS:** Immediately apply pressure with a clean paper towel directly on the laceration. Go to a nearby sink and flush the open wound with copious amounts of water. Apply additional direct pressure until all of the bleeding has stopped. Then, apply antiseptic and a sterile dressing.
- **PUNCTURES:** A puncture wound should instead be made to bleed immediately to better wash out the wound. Wash with copious amounts of water, apply antiseptic to the surface of the puncture and a sterile dressing.
- **SPLASHES OR INDIRECT CONTACT:** Immediately flush the affected area with water and then wash with soap and water. Eyes can be flushed at an eye wash station.

Report **ALL** injuries to the PI immediately and seek medical evaluation, treatment, and post exposure follow-up at the **Employee Health Office at GWU Hospital (900 23rd St., NW, Suite G-1090, Phone: 202-715-4275)**. Students should go to the **Students Health Office at Marvin Center**. After hours treatment can be received at the **GWU hospital emergency room**.

In addition, **ALL** injuries or potential hazard exposure (cuts, puncture, etc) should be reported to the Office of Risk Management at [risk@gwu.edu](mailto:risk@gwu.edu) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OCCURRENCE. If the exposure involves a bloodborne-pathogen or recombinant DNA please submit a copy of the report to the Office of Laboratory Safety at [labsafety@gwu.edu](mailto:labsafety@gwu.edu).