

CLEANING UP SPILLS SAFELY

NEVER

Do not attempt to neutralise concentrated acids or alkalis chemically.

Do not switch off fume hoods.

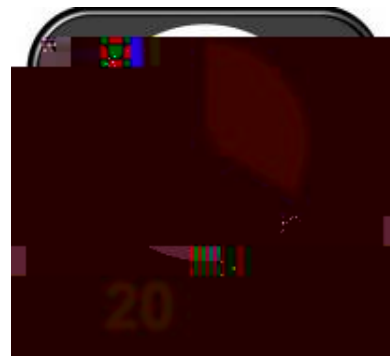
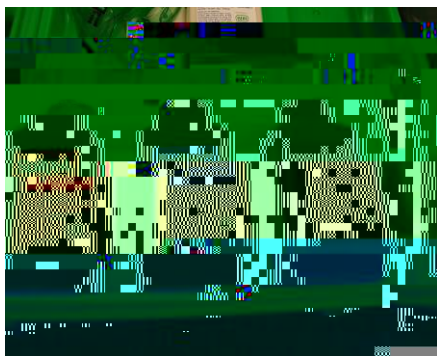
Do not switch / electrical equipment if the spill involves flammable liquids.

ALWAYS:

1. Make sure you are wearing appropriate PPE. If - but do:
 - o Warn others who could be affected.
 - o Inform a Laboratory Supervisor / Technician immediately.
2. Protect drains and control spills by using absorbent booms or materials where possible eg:



3. Deactivate the spilt chemicals by absorbing or neutralising appropriately.
4. Leave absorbent material in place **for at least 20 minutes**.



5. Clean up the deactivated chemicals into suitable containers - usually provided with the spill kit.
6. Ensure the container is properly labelled, indicating the name of the chemical and any hazards.
7. Clean the area with water and detergent. Remember to dry the floor and / or place a warning sign.
8. Dispose of all the contaminated material; including PPE correctly ie as hazardous waste and appropriate for the type of chemical involved.