

Instructions for Cleaning Small Culture Spills

1. Inform your instructor. Follow the procedure for cleaning small spills of culture (BSL1 and BSL2 levels) as follows.
2. Wear a lab coat, disposable gloves, safety glasses or a face shield.
3. Soak paper towel(s) in an appropriate disinfectant (70% ethanol/fresh 10% bleach solution) and place over spill area.
4. Working from the outer edges into the centre, clean the spill area with fresh towels soaked in disinfectant.
5. Be sure to decontaminate any areas or surfaces that you suspect to be affected by the spill. Allow 10 minutes of contact time.
6. Place the paper towels and gloves into a biohazard bag and sterilize them by autoclaving.
7. Dispose off any contaminated clothing properly.
8. Wash your hands with a disinfectant soap.