



Formaldehyde/Formalin Minor Spill (less than 1 gallon) Clean Up Procedures

1. **Notify co-workers** of the spill and **restrict access** to the affected area during clean up.
2. Retrieve container(s) of **Spill-X-FP** to clean up spill.
3. Wear **personal protective equipment** - nitrile gloves, chemical splash goggles, and gown (or lab coat/ apron).
4. **Add Spill-X-FP to the spill in the following quantity:**
 - a. For 1 gallon of 10% formalin (3.7% formaldehyde) spill – use one-half of a bottle of Spill-X-FP.
 - b. For a 10% formalin small specimen jar spill - use about one-quarter of a bottle of Spill-X-FP.
 - c. For a 2.5 gallon container/cube of 10% formalin spill - use 1 and 1/4 bottles of Spill-X-FP.
5. **Encircle spill** at its perimeter with the Spill-X-FP, **then applying inward. Cover spill evenly** with Spill-X-FP. **Avoid splashing.**
6. Carefully **mix Spill-X-FP into the spill** for the most effective polymerization reaction. Warning: Do not handle treated material until polymerization is complete and residue has cooled.
7. **Polymerization should occur within 15 minutes** for formaldehyde solution strengths of less than 15%, but solidification may not occur.
8. Place the waste material in plastic waste bag and attach an orange Hazardous Waste label to bag. **Call Environmental Health & Safety**, at 4-6783, to arrange for waste pick-up and disposal.
9. **Reorder Spill-X-FP** through the Lawson System:
 - 1 bottle Spill-X-FP (Lawson # 41858)

For a major spill or if you need assistance:

In University Hospital: Call University Police, 911

In Hospital Satellite Facilities: Call Local Fire Department