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7.3.3 GT Chemical Accidents Emergency Response

1. Chemical Exposure

If a student or staff member is involved in an incident involving minor or major bodily exposure to hazardous or caustic chemicals, observe the following procedures.

Remember, when using any chemicals, the user and anyone around the chemicals must have read the Material Safety Data Sheets prior to the use of the chemicals, which provide, among other important items, Personal Protection and Exposure Control Measures, the First Aid measures, firefighting measures

Emergency Procedure: bodily exposure to hazardous or caustic chemicals:

- a. Assess the situation! If someone is nearby, ask them to call 911 and notify campus police and Chief of Campus Police Lawrenceville campus 678-226-7377 Alpharetta North Fulton 470-282-5440 If not, you need to make these calls.
- b. If the affected body parts can be adequately washed/flushed with water to dilute the chemical in the immediate area of the incident, do so immediately.
- c. If the need for an immediate, total body chemical wash is determined to be the most effective treatment, proceed to the nearest chemical wash location.
- d. Continue to treat the injured party until the chemical has been adequately diluted.
- e. Determine if the injured party needs additional treatment, or immediate medical attention, by calling the Poison Control Center at 404-589-4400.

2. Chemical Spill/Hazardous Materials

Emergency Procedure:

Any spillage of a hazardous chemical or material is to be considered an emergency. Report it immediately to campus police Lawrenceville campus 678-226-7377, Alpharetta North Fulton 470-282-5440.

- a. When reporting, be specific about the nature of the involved chemical/material, what type it is, the size of the spill/exposure, the exact location and current situation.
- b. Evacuate and seal off the affected area as soon as possible to lessen the exposure of others and to prevent any further contamination of other areas until trained emergency personnel arrive.
- c. Those who have been exposed to the chemical/material should be kept from contact with others while pertinent information is obtained and required first aid and clean-up is begun by trained emergency personnel.
- d. If total building /area evacuation is required, move everyone quickly and safely to designated exits while avoiding any contaminated areas. Move everyone at least 300 feet away and upwind of the area. Be prepared to move immediately if conditions change. Stay clear of all traffic areas, both pedestrian and vehicle.
- e. Assist special needs students and keep your class roll with you to verify student status at any time.

If requested, assist emergency personnel in any way possible.

- a. Do not return to any affected area until directed to do so by police or a building administrator.
- b. Responsible personnel should notify the EPA.