

## **RADIOACTIVE RELEASE WITH MINOR INJURIES**

As in the case of very serious injury, you must assess the medical condition and give first aid immediately. Once it is determined that the injury does not require transport to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Room, the following guidelines should be followed in responding to such emergencies:

- Evaluate the nature of the injury and give first aid immediately.
- Wear rubber gloves and sponge and/or flush the contaminated area, if possible. Be careful not to spread contamination.
- During normal business hours contact the Radiation Safety Office at 203-785-3555 or call 911 from any Yale phone. After hours, call 911 from any Yale phone.
- Provide details of the accident, the radioactive material present, your location, your name and your phone number.
- Radiation Safety staff will provide you with instructions for dealing with the accident.
- If it is necessary to transport an individual to the Yale-New Haven Hospital Emergency Room, the New Haven Fire Department will provide the transportation. The exact details of this transfer will depend on the extent of the injuries and radioactive contamination present. An individual with a minor injury should not be taken to the hospital emergency room without first contacting the Radiation Safety Office for guidance.
- Remove any contaminated clothing and decontaminate as instructed by Radiation Safety staff.
- Prevent the spread of contamination by isolating and sealing the accident area. Keep people out of the area. Shut down ventilation, if possible.