

## **BIOHAZARDOUS-RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL SPILL**

A biohazardous spill involving radioactive material requires emergency procedures which are different from the procedures used for either material alone.

Use procedures which protect you from the radiochemical while you disinfect the biological material.

Before any clean-up, consider the type of radionuclide, characteristics of the microorganism and the volume of the spill. Contact the Environmental Health and Safety Radiation Safety Office at 203-785-3555 for isotope clean-up procedures.

- Avoid inhaling airborne material while quickly leaving the room. Notify others to leave. Close the door and post a warning sign.
- Remove contaminated clothing, turn exposed areas inward and place in a biohazard bag.
- Wash all exposed skin with disinfectant followed by a three-minute water rinse.
- Inform your supervisor and Radiation Safety Office of spill and monitor all exposed personnel for radiation.