

Hazmat Spill/Odor Policy Update

Situation: There has been an update to the *Hazmat Spill/Odor, Administration 61* Policy.

Background: The process for recognizing and responding to a chemical spill was recognized as an improvement opportunity and required standardizing and updating practices.

Assessment: Staff need to have a resource available to guide on how to properly recognize and respond to a chemical spill or odor. Staff will also need to know how and where to access the SDS information located on the SHC TV Intranet site.

Recommendation: Please review this OPL to understand some of the highlights of the new *Hazmat Spill/Odor* Policy and to learn more about how to access the SDS. Please take a moment to go on the SHC TV Policy page to review the *Hazmat Spill/Odor* Policy.

Hazmat Spill/Odor Policy Highlights

▪ **Definitions:**

- **Major Spill:** More than one (1) gallon of a chemical.
- **Minor Spill:** Less than one (1) gallon of a chemical.
- **Safety Data Sheet (SDS):** A document provided by the chemical manufacturer that provides occupational health and safety data, such as chemical properties, health and environmental hazards, protective measures, and safety precautions for storing, handling, and transporting chemicals. Located on the SHC TV Intranet under *Resources*

▪ **Standard Procedure:** *Please refer to policy for detailed procedure and processes*

1) Assess the risk:

Protect yourself and others (scene safety).

4) Immediately call 911 for multiple chemicals, inability to identify chemical(s), and/or quantity qualifies as "major spill."

2) Evacuate and secure the immediate spill area.

5) With assistance, simultaneously notify the House Supervisor

3) Review the Safety Data Sheet(s) (SDS) to confirm identity of chemical(s) involved.

6) In hospital, House Supervisor or designee will dial 211 and choose option 2 for the Security Operations Center (SOC) and request MIR3 SHC TV Hospital HazMat/Odor to notify teams

When notifying 911 of a hazardous spill:

Give the name/type of chemical(s), if known, quantity, any additional hazards or concerns, provide address to main building, designate staff liaison to meet personnel.

Containing and cleaning the spill:

ONLY staff appropriately trained may clean the spill, if appropriate, with the proper spill kit and personal protective equipment (PPE).