

Emergency Procedure for Exposure



For eyes:

- Use eye wash stations to rinse eyes immediately
- Remove contact lenses (if wearing). Note: contact lenses must not be worn inside a CL2 lab
- Flush eyes for at least **15 minutes**
- Position eyes directly in the stream of water
- Hold your eyes open with your fingers



- Gently roll your eyes from left to right and up and down so the water is flushing over the whole surface of the eyes

Note: For more information, view a video: [how to use an emergency eyewash](#).

If eyewash bottles are present, the expiry date must be regularly monitored, and the fluid replaced as necessary.

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For intact skin:

- Wash the skin area with soap and water



For needle stick, cut or non-intact skin:

- Encourage bleeding. This is best done under clean flowing water from the tap or using regular hand soap and water.



- Cleaned wound as much as possible
- Do not scrub the wound as this may increase tissue damage
- Cover the wound and seek medical aid (as appropriate)

Note: Refer to your Lab-Specific Biosafety Manual for project specific emergency procedures.

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