

Unfortunately, accidents happen. We all need to be aware of how to deal with accidents that take place in research settings, especially when it involves paid faculty and staff, work study students or graduate students.

Most importantly, if there is a life-threatening injury:

1. Call campus police (8-4200) or the Bethlehem City emergency (9-911) immediately.
2. Then notify Murray Itzkowitz or Maria Brace of the nature of the situation.

If there is a non-life-threatening injury that takes place in your lab that requires first aid assistance:

1. there are first aid kits in each of the teaching labs on the first floor of the C wing, in the prep room on the first floor of the C wing, as well as bandages and antibiotic ointment in the main office.
2. If further medical treatment is required, please immediately notify Maria Brace of the incident and request further instructions.
3. Please do not take the injured person to a hospital emergency room or the Student Health Center. These injuries fall under the Workers' Compensation umbrella and any medical treatment must be given by an approved healthcare provider panel. There is no guarantee of financial coverage if the person is not seen by a doctor listed in the healthcare provider panel.

Even if you do not feel that further medical treatment is necessary, please report the incident to Maria Brace so the appropriate Workers' Compensation paperwork can be completed. Sometimes an injury may appear not to require medical care, but hours later treatment may be necessary. The injured person will need to seek treatment from a physician on the healthcare provider panel.

If there is an accident/injury involving a student in a teaching lab:

1. Please provide basic first aid assistance and then make arrangements to have the student taken to the Student Health Center for further evaluation.
2. Again, please immediately notify Maria Brace of the incident and request further instructions.

Again, accidents happen. It is our job to make sure that the appropriate medical treatment is received in a way that will not be a financial hardship for the person injured. Please speak with Maria Brace if you need further instructions or information.