General Safety Guidelines

Sources/Devices

- Don’t handle radioactive material of any kind.
- Do not try to operate a radiation producing machine.
- Report any concerns to the Radiation Safety Officer.
- When responding to human injuries call 911 first.

Radioactive Material Areas

- Limited time in area.
- Contact authorized users or the radiation safety department if you need to enter a radioactive material area. See list at end.
- Increase distance from sources. Stay as far away as possible from any radiation device or posted radiation area.
- If you don’t need to be there, don’t be.
- Do not eat, drink or chew gum in any type of radiation area.

When responding to emergencies, look for signs like these

- Please keep a close eye out for signs like these on doors.
- Packages with stickers.
- Containers, or drums that may have tri-foil on them (the universal sign for radiation).
- Pay attention to LASER signs also.

Emergency Guidelines

Injury

- Call emergency responders first. Inform them that the person may be involved in a radiological event.
- Assist injured persons and prevent any further injury. If you are qualified to render first aid, do so without regard to the presence of radioactivity.
- If the situation involves a radiation producing machine, the machine should be turned off.
- Write down any information you can about the event.
- Call Radiation Safety ASAP 282-5652

Incident

- Any accident, injury or loss of control of radiation source that could cause an excessive or uncontrolled exposure to any individual is referred to as a radiation emergency.
- Call Radiation Safety 282-5652
- Contain the Hazard if the action can be carried out safely
- Close doors to the area and prevent unauthorized entry.
- Allow no one to leave the area without being checked for contamination.