



## What to do

# ACCIDENT WITH A LABORATORY ANIMAL

## STRAIGHT AWAY

### If you get bitten, scratched, stung

- **Wash immediately** with a liquid neutral soap for three minutes.
- **Carefully rinse.**
- **Disinfect for** at least 15 minutes with:
  - stabilized Dakin's solution,
  - or 70° ethanol.

### Spraying of biological fluids

#### Sprayed onto the skin

- **Wash immediately** in running water or use the emergency shower with the diffuse jet for at least 15 minutes.

#### Sprayed into the eye

- **Wash immediately** in running water for at least 15 minutes, pulling the eyelids widely apart with the head tilted, affected eye down (get help from a colleague).
- **Contact lenses** will get washed out but if not, do not try to take them out.
- **Do not use eye drops** or any type of ocular solution.
- **See an ophthalmologist as soon as possible.**

## FOLLOWING DAYS

- **Go to** a doctor's surgery, the Emergency Department or the workplace's medical unit within 24 hours.
- **Fill out an "Accident in the Workplace" form.**
- **Notify the Prevention Assistant** and **report** the incident or accident in the Health & Safety Log.
- **Report the incident or accident** to the Prevention Adviser.
- **Go to see the Prevention Physician** and **report** any symptom that you notice in the days following the incident or accident.

## PREVENTION

- **Use specific preventive gestures** and/or **handle** animals using protective materials (gloves, contention boxes, etc.).