

Spill Response Plan

The goal of the spill response plan is to reduce safety, health, and environmental risks associated with a hazardous substance incident. In the event of a spill, the following actions should be implemented:

SECURE AND EVACUATE THE AREA - Keep unauthorized persons out of the area.

REPORT THE SPILL - All spills >5 gallons must be immediately reported to the Fire Department at 911. Spills that are ≤5 gallons must be reported if the spill enters a storm drain, creek, lake, or other body of water, or cannot be safely contained and cleaned up by organization personnel. Provide any pertinent information, including:

- Substance spilled.
- Location of spill.
- Nature and extent of injuries.
- Extent to which spill traveled.
- Estimated amount spilled.
- Time spill occurred.

PROTECT YOURSELF - Extinguish smoking material and ignition sources. Identify the substance spilled and obtain appropriate personal protective equipment, such as:

- Protective Goggles.
- Protective Apron.
- Rubber Overboots.
- Compatible Rubber Gloves.
- Respirators.

STOP THE FLOW - Stop or slow flow of hazardous substance if it can be done safely.

- Plug or patch punctured container(s).
- Upright overturned or tipped container(s).
- Close appropriate valve(s).

CONTAIN THE SPILL - The spilled substance should be contained within the immediate area. Prevent flow to drains, drainage ditches, and sewer systems if it can be done safely.

- Place nonreactive absorbent material such as sand, earth, straw, vermiculite, absorbent pillows or booms on the spill.
- Block the spill from entering storm drains or sewers by constructing a dike around all points of entry.
- If the spill is on the ground, clean it up immediately by digging up the contaminated soil, placing it in proper containers, and disposing of it properly.