



Step-by-Step HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE SPILL MANAGEMENT



STOP and THINK

Pause to assess the situation, consider the quantity of the spill, its location, and the skills or competency needed to handle it safely.



IDENTIFY what has been spilt

Determine the substance involved by checking its label or referring to the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) if available. Understanding the chemical properties is crucial for safe management.

ALERT / raise the alarm

Notify others in the vicinity and inform the appropriate personnel or emergency services if necessary. Ensure the area is cordoned off or evacuated if there's a risk to safety.



PPE Put on the appropriate PPE as required

Put on the necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, goggles, or respirators, to safeguard yourself from exposure.

STOP / RESTRICT / CONTAIN the spill

Take immediate measures to prevent the spill from spreading further, such as using barriers, or shutting off the source if it's safe to do so.

ABSORB / CLEAN UP the spill response material

Use suitable absorbents like pads, granules, or spill kits to clean up the hazardous substance effectively and safely.



DISPOSE of the contaminated material

Place the waste in designated containers and dispose of it following your organisation's hazardous waste disposal procedures and regulatory requirements.

REPORT

Document the incident by completing a report and informing the relevant authorities or supervisors, ensuring compliance and learning from the event.

