

SPILLS (1/2)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **Never touch a spill.**
2. **Always report any spills to your HSE Manager or Supervisor.**
3. **Prevent spills spreading, especially into the wider environment.**
4. **Always store chemicals; ask your company for further information about this.**
5. **Prevent spills from reaching equipment, tools and materials you or your colleagues are working with.**

QUESTIONS? MORE INFORMATION? UNSAFE WORKING CONDITIONS?

Your HSE Manager is there to help answer any questions and ensure a safe working environment for all.

WHAT IS IT?

A spill is an unintentional release of a harmful substance, e.g. natural gas, natural gas condensate, petroleum, chemicals, excipients and other liquids or gases. If a spill is unintentional, then it is classified as an incident.

HAZARDS

A spill often occurs in critical installation parts, e.g. shaft seals of valves, valves and pumps, seals and gaskets, fittings and flanges, underfloor/underground pipes, flexible hose connections and valves.

COMMON CAUSES OF SPILLS

- old age of an installation
- incomplete maintenance program or backlog in undertaking maintenance
- operational errors
- human errors

PREVENTION

- adhere to your company's work protocols, procedures and instructions which have been developed specifically to manage the risk of spills; if you believe this is not the case, notify your HSE Manager
- identify spillage-critical parts and activities and report these to your HSE Manager
- be aware of the activities carried out by others and the substances, equipment and materials with which they are working

PROTECTION

REPORTING SPILLS

- report every spill to your HSE Manager or Supervisor, even if no harmful substances have escaped into the environment
- any spills should be reported, recorded and registered; procedures may vary depending on the severity of the spill; ask your company about their specific policies and procedures in relation to reporting spills
- reporting, recording and registration of any spill is important to find structural solutions for problems and to prevent environmentally harmful situations from occurring

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IN CASE OF...

WHAT TO DO IN THE EVENT OF SPILLS?

- never touch a spill
 - report all spills directly to your HSE Manager or Supervisor
 - prevent further spillage and distribution into the environment if possible and safe to do so
 - prevent spreading of the spill throughout the environment
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