



SPILL MANAGEMENT



Stormwater Management Information Sheet 4.2

What To Do If There Is A Spill



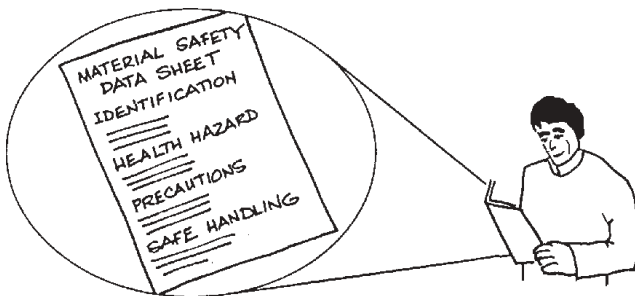
For large-scale dangerous goods or hazardous substance spills, phone the Fire Brigade on 000.



For spills that may harm the environment, phone EPA Victoria Pollution Watch Line on 9695 2777.



clearly mark location of absorbent materials



Follow the advice in the material safety data sheet (MSDS)

Make Staff Aware Of Emergency Telephone Numbers

For large-scale dangerous goods or hazardous substance spills immediately call the Fire Brigade.

For small-scale spills, follow the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) instructions.

If the spill threatens or harms the environment, you must tell EPA Victoria (Environment Protection Authority Victoria) on 9695 2777 or Kingston Council as soon as possible on 1300 653 356.

Employees, employers, occupiers and contractors all have a duty to contact EPA Victoria.

Spill Clean-up Procedure

All staff should know how to clean up spills. Everyone should know what to do, where to find emergency equipment and how to use it. Prepare and practice your clean-up procedure.

Your equipment should include mops and brooms, rags, booms to contain liquids and materials to absorb spills and prevent them going into stormwater drains. Absorbent materials are commercially available and should be kept in a clearly labelled easy to get to place. You may also need protective clothing.

Clean Up Steps:

1. Stop the spill immediately if safe to do so.
2. Make sure no-one is at risk of becoming overcome by exposure to the spilled materials.
3. Contain the spill and control its flow or stop the spill getting into the stormwater drains by blocking the drain inlets.

Quickly clean up the spill by following the advice in the relevant material safety data sheet (MSDS). Even small spills can easily flow into stormwater drains or be washed there by rain.



Labels And Material Safety Data Sheets



Read the label on chemical products.

Read The Label Of All Chemical Products

Reading the labels on all chemical products will help you to identify the product, what is in it and the hazards or dangers of the product.

The label also contains important health and safety information.

Useful information can be gained from the Victorian WorkCover Authority (VWA). Check for publications on managing chemical hazards in the workplace such as the VWA website:

www.workcover.vic.gov.au



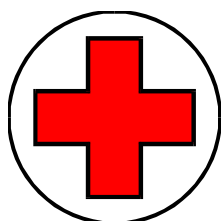
Get useful information from WorkCover publications.

Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)

Have on hand the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for every substance or material used in your operations.

An MSDS is an information sheet that covers:

- safe storage, handling and disposal of a substance.
- emergency procedures.
- first aid advice.



Material safety data sheets provide information that can save lives and help prevent pollution

The MSDS is just as important as any tool or piece of equipment in your business. In an emergency it contains information that can save lives and help you prevent environmental pollution.

Ask your supplier for an MSDS for *every* material or substance you buy.

Some chemicals are less damaging to the environment. Carefully choose the chemicals you use. There may be alternatives to the chemicals you are currently using.