

## When a Spill Occurs...



**1. Assess Risks to Health & Environment**  
Identify type of spill & minimise risks. If uncertain contact emergency services/emergency spill response team. Report to Environment Agency on 0800 807060.



**2. Select Spill Response Equipment**  
Select appropriate personal protection, spill control equipment & fire safety apparatus to manage spill & ensure safety. Avoid detergents or hosing away spill down drains or water courses.



**3. Contain Spill**  
Deploy equipment to prevent spill entering receptors such as drains, water courses, roads & other vulnerable areas. Secure spill area, block roads, evacuate as needed.



**4. Stop Leak at Source**  
Turn off valves/taps, plug holes, realign barrels/containers, stop delivery, etc...to stem flow of spillage. Ensure all sources of spill are isolated. Stop leak first if possible.



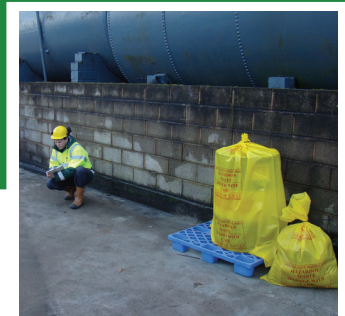
**5. Re-evaluate Incident & Begin Clean Up**  
Assess impact of spill on environment, human health & property. Develop action plan & commence clear up process. Report to Local Health Authority as necessary.



**6. Decontaminate Area & Personnel**  
Remove & dispose of contaminated materials in-line with COSHH guidelines. Ensure responders & affected area is decontaminated. Minimise pollution/health & safety risks.



**7. Report Incident & Replace Equipment**  
Record and report spill as per company/insurance policy. Inform Local Health Authority. Replenish equipment, identify new apparatus required to manage future spills.



**8. Ground Investigation & Validation Reporting**  
Oil in the ground and groundwater can pose long term environmental and health risks, which can affect the value of property. Qualified personnel should assess these risks.

Useful Resources: Refer to [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) for advice on COSHH guidelines and oil storage Refer to [www.paulex.co.uk](http://www.paulex.co.uk) for advice on pollution control equipment



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